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Not Just Any Old Gay Rights Bill

Boston Human Rights Ordinance Filed

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — City Councillor David Scodras has filed an ordinance that would create a city Human Rights Commission and prohibit discrimination in public and private employment, housing, credit and services on the basis of "race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, ex-offender status, prior psychiatric treatment, military status or source of income."

The ordinance, co-sponsored by Scodras and Councillors Charles Yancey, Bruce Bolling and Brian McLaughlin and introduced at the June 6 council meeting, also prohibits "practices and policies ... which by their nature are sexually or racially harassing [or] endanger the health, morals, safety and welfare of the city, its residents and visitors."

At a press conference held before the council meeting, Scodras noted that "the only important difference between this society and any other is that important thing called freedom. The thing that is important to remember about freedom is that you are always free to do as the majority says. ... The freedom to be different is the crucial point about this society."

Although the ordinance would provide the first comprehensive protection against discrimination for lesbians and gay men in the city, Scodras emphasized that the ordinance is not merely a "gay rights bill."

"Indeed, the gay community without any question is spearheading this human rights bill," he

said. But, Scodras added, the ordinance "cuts across every income group and ethnic group."

Councillor Bruce Bolling, who also attended the press conference, called the ordinance "historic legislation for the city of Boston." Echoing Scodras, Bolling noted that "it's clearly needed legislation. It's a bill that's universal in scope."

Speaking to the representatives of a diverse array of lesbian, gay, minority and civil rights organizations who were invited to the conference, Scodras declared that "this bill is a crucial bill for the survival of all of us. This room is the future of the city of Boston."

The ordinance calls for the creation of a Boston Human Rights Commission comprising seven members, appointed by the mayor to staggered three-year terms. Although the commissioners would serve without compensation, the commission would have a budget available for hiring an executive director and other staff and for conducting investigations.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the commission would investigate and determine whether probable cause of discrimination exists. The first step in enforcement would be an attempt at mediation between the parties in the dispute. Failing that, the commission could hold public hearings and, if discrimination were found, bring suit in district court seeking an injunction or civil damages.

Massachusetts state law requires that cities and towns seeking the power to levy fines first petition the state legislature for permission

to do so. Such a request, called a Home Rule Petition, asking for enforcement powers for the city's Fair Housing Commission, has languished in the State House for nearly two years, a victim to adverse lobbying efforts by the real estate industry and other conservative interests. Nevertheless, Scodras has asked the council to send a home rule petition for the Human Rights Ordinance to the legislature, requesting the power to levy fines of up to \$10,000.

Scodras says the ordinance would be effective whether or not the home rule petition passed, because the city needs no such permission from the legislature to bring suit in district court. "It's frosting on the cake," he told

GCN. "It's unlikely [that the petition will pass], but you go for the whole cake and the frosting."

Scodras emphasized at the press conference that the ordinance is the result of several months' work by a number of different attorneys and civil rights organizations. "The city's corporation counsel put in a good deal of effort in insuring that this piece of legislation would be as strong as possible," he said. "This bill has been reviewed by more attorneys in more official capacities than I have ever seen in my life." Scodras singled out Holly Ladd, Fred Mandel, Tom Plant and Tim McFeeley for their help in drafting the ordinance.

City Councillor Albert "Dap-

per" O'Neil used the occasion of the introduction of the bill to launch into one of the right-wing tirades for which he is so well-known.

"I wish I were with President Reagan today at [the D-Day Commemoration at] Normandy," O'Neil declared. "I'd like to say to [the soldiers killed] today: 'If you only knew what was happening in the greatest country in the world.'"

"What I would like to have here today are the police reports on some of those areas that have been raided and arrested," O'Neil added, his voice rising and his face reddening. "I'm very upset about this day. Forty years ago today.

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New York Laws Untouched

By Jim Ryan

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Supreme Court announced on May 30 that it would not issue a decision in the case of *New York v. Uplinger*, the case of a Buffalo man convicted and then acquitted of soliciting sex from an undercover police officer. The Court had accepted the case last October and heard oral arguments on it last January. (See GCN Vol. 11, No. 27)

The Erie county district attorney, Richard Arcara, had asked the court to overturn the New York Court of Appeals decision which declared the state's solicitation law unconstitutional. Citing its 1980 ruling in *People v. Onofre*, which struck down the state's sodomy law, the New York court had decided that since homosexual acts were no longer illegal in New York state, soliciting for them could no longer be considered a crime.

The *Uplinger* case had been expected to produce an important Supreme Court ruling on whether

the constitutional right of privacy extended to solicitation. The case, however, presented a number of procedural problems. The lower court's decision was extremely vague, consisting of only three paragraphs. New York's attorney general, Robert Abrams, who normally would be expected to defend the state's law, instead filed a brief in support of *Uplinger*. The Supreme Court decided that it could not make a meaningful evaluation of the *Uplinger* decision without considering the *Onofre* decision. However, they had previously refused to take up the *Onofre* case and Arcara did not make a new request for them to do so.

Because of all this confusion, the Court, in a 5 to 4 decision, dismissed the writ *certiorari* that it had previously granted. The *Uplinger* case, they concluded, "provides an inappropriate vehicle for resolving important constitutional issues raised by the parties."

Four justices (Berger, Rehn-

quist, O'Connor and White) dissented, saying, "The New York statute, which was invalidated on federal constitutional grounds, and the merits of that decision are properly before us and should be addressed."

Lawyers for various gay and lesbian legal organizations expressed relief that the case was dismissed. Many feared that given the conservative bent of the court, it might have issued a decision upholding laws against homosexual solicitation.

With its May 30 ruling, the Supreme Court left intact the New York Court of Appeals rulings on both the state's sodomy law and solicitation law. Given the comments of the justices, both those opposing review of *Uplinger* and those supporting it, it seems likely that challenges to other states' solicitation laws may merit review in the future.

Discharges Challenged

By Donna Turley

WASHINGTON, DC — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will challenge the U.S. Armed Forces practice of discharging homosexual service-members and members having "homosexual tendencies" with less than honorable discharges.

The ACLU filed a class action suit on June 5 in the District Court for the District of Columbia against the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Department of Defense. The suit was filed on behalf of eight named plaintiffs, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and approximately 5000 unnamed former service members who were issued less than honorable discharges because of sexual orientation and 10,000 current members of the military who have engaged in homosexual conduct during their military service.

The National Gay Task Force has also joined the suit to protect the members of its organization who are in the Armed Forces and thereby emotionally harmed by the military's policy of separating homosexual personnel and issuing tainted discharges.

The suit alleges that because it uses a non-judicial administrative process to characterize military service as less than honorable rather than the court-martial process prescribed by the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the

military exceeds its constitutional and statutory authority and violates plaintiffs' rights under the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment. Furthermore, the suit maintains that within the administrative procedure, failure to demonstrate that homosexuality, homosexual acts, or homosexual tendencies actually affect performance of military duties is also in excess of constitutional and statutory authority and violates plaintiffs' rights. The practices and procedures of the appellate review agencies which have the power to recharacterize discharge designations are also challenged, but the suit does not question the right of the military to discharge a person because of sexual orientation.

The suit asks that the court declare current discharge procedures illegal and order each named plaintiff's discharge be upgraded automatically, or that the less than honorable discharges be reviewed and changed to accurately reflect the quality of military service.

Any person discharged for homosexuality who would like to be included in the suit may contact Attorney Barton F. Stichman through Washington D.C.'s American Civil Liberties Union, (202) 544-1076.

— filed from Boston

Gay Man Wins Bias Case

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — A legally-blind gay man who charged the city with discrimination after he was fired from his job at Boston City Hospital (see GCN, Vol. 11, No. 41) has won reinstatement and full back pay.

Bruce LaFlamme, an admitting clerk at the hospital with a ten-year record of city civil service employment, returned to work on June 6 after the city's Office of Labor Relations agreed to reinstate him at his former rank without loss of seniority, longevity or vacation time.

LaFlamme was fired last July 29 on grounds of "excessive absenteeism" and "abuse of sick leave" after a motorcycle accident kept him from work for several weeks. LaFlamme maintained that his absences were fully documented and allowable under the terms of his union contract, and claimed that the charges were merely an excuse by his supervisor to remove him from his job because he was gay and disabled.

LaFlamme's union, Service Employees International Union Local 285, filed a formal grievance on his behalf, but experienced resistance and delays in the city's labor relations bureaucracy. All



Bruce LaFlamme

three collective bargaining units at the hospital represented by Local 285 have sexual preference non-discrimination language in their contracts. In addition, an executive order signed by Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn shortly after his January inauguration forbids such discrimination in municipal employment.

LaFlamme believes the city was persuaded to settle on his terms because he stated his case strongly and publicly. When the grievance procedure became bogged down in bureaucratic process, LaFlamme

went to local newspapers, including GCN, and wrote directly to the mayor. And he credits his union representative, Peter Hardie, and Don Babets, a gay man in the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services with effective lobbying on his behalf.

LaFlamme returns to work in the same office, but will now work the midnight to 8 a.m. shift. "I asked for that because the supervisor on that shift had never harassed me," he said.

LaFlamme has received a check from the city for \$8082, which amounts to back pay from his termination to the present, less the \$5400 unemployment insurance he collected during that time. All references to the incident in his personnel file will be expunged, and LaFlamme has agreed to exempt the city from all further claims. LaFlamme says he is still considering whether to take civil action against the individuals involved.

"I'm very satisfied that we were able to do this," said Don Babets, "not only for Bruce, but I think it's important for all of us. Bruce needs to be congratulated for taking a stand and saying 'You can't do this to me.'"

News Notes

quote of the week

"Dear Doris: All my homosexual friends seem to be falling in love and having torrid affairs. Meanwhile, the single straights I know — including myself — are either stuck in unhappy relationships with girls or desperate to find decent females to date.

"It seems much easier to be gay than straight these days. Do you agree? — Puzzled, St. Petersburg"

"Dear Puzzled: Yes. It's probably much more difficult to find a potential mate and work out a healthy relationship than to lead the promiscuous, mindlessly sex-oriented lives of the gays.

"Homosexuals are about as romantic as rabbits. Thank God every day that you're not like them."

— The "Dear Doris" column, *Weekly World News*, May 22, 1984.

international friendships and desires

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands — The Dutch Gay/Lesbian Youth Platform (LHJO) has announced an International Gay/Lesbian Youth Congress/Festival to be held in Amsterdam August 5-11. The theme of the festival is "friendship and desires," which will be examined in workshops, theatre, dance, video, photographic exhibits and films. The congress will focus on the problems of younger gay men and lesbians, especially with regard to education, relations with parents, age of consent, housing, identity, pornography, international cooperation and organizing. Limited travel grants-in-aid are available. Participation in the youth congress, but not the festival, is restricted to persons 25 years or younger. Contact the LHJO Dutch Gay Youth Platform/c/o P.O. Box 542/1000 AM/Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

gay male sex decriminalized in new south wales

SYDNEY, Australia — After years of campaigning and lobbying, lesbian and gay activists in New South Wales have tasted partial victory. The parliament of the Australian state removed all statutes from the books dealing with sex between men over the age of 18.

The law, however, will continue to discriminate against gay men by maintaining a differential age of consent — heterosexuals can have sex if both parties are only 16. In response to the differential age of consent, activists have called for a march and rally through the city streets on June 23, the beginning of the annual Stonewall celebrations.

Passage of the bill is the culmination of a dozen years of mass action and lobbying. Since 1981, four attempts to reform the laws have ended in failure and frustration. The sustained anger over these failures, combined with three raids on private gay clubs, prompted gay activists to set up a caravan embassy outside the house of Labor Premier Neville Wran, demanding that he take the lead and introduce a law reform bill. Wran announced last month that he would do just that.

However, the bill was considerably weakened by an amendment which creates a two-year jail sentence for anyone "inciting" a male under 18 to have gay sex. This amendment, together with other anomalies — such as the fact that consensual sex with a 17-year-old carries a higher penalty than non-consensual sex — has put pressure on the government to undertake further reform of the laws.

New South Wales became the third Australian state to decriminalize gay male sex and it is the only state to extend protection of the anti-discrimination laws to lesbians and gay men.

surrogate marker for aids?

NEW YORK — Researchers at the Veterans Administration Medical Center have found evidence of a surrogate marker for AIDS, according to the June 8 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Susan Zolla-Pazner and colleagues found elevated levels of B2M microglobulin (B2M) in 39 patients with confirmed and suspected AIDS. Of 40 asymptomatic gay men, six men developed AIDS or suspected AIDS and had elevated B2M levels. Of the remaining 34 asymptomatic gay men, only one demonstrated elevated B2M levels with no other immune abnormalities, and neither he nor any of the other asymptomatic men developed AIDS.

The researchers concluded that although elevated B2M levels are not specific only to AIDS, the test may be a useful marker for early stages of AIDS when used with other laboratory tests. They said, "While it is premature, on the basis of these data, to describe B2M quantitation as a test that is adequate for the screening of healthy populations for AIDS, it may be a useful method of recognizing persons with possible asymptomatic AIDS who are members of populations known to be at high risk for AIDS."

service workers pass gay/lesbian rights resolution

DEARBORN, MI — Delegates to the Service Employees International Union's (SEIU) 18th convention busied themselves with the passage of several resolutions pertinent to gay men and lesbians. Over 600 delegates registered for the May 12-17 convention, including workers in building services, health care, the public sector, industrial and allied services, and professional occupations.

Of the five gay-related resolutions passed by the delegates, two address the issue of AIDS. One called for increased funding of AIDS research, educational and social service provision and the other supported health care workers' rights to a working environment which both protects them and enables them to provide effective care for AIDS patients.

The remaining three resolutions urged enactment of federal, state and municipal legislation guaranteeing gay and lesbian civil rights; a ban on the use of polygraphs and an amendment to the federal guidelines concerning non-job related questioning; and recognition of gay and lesbian relationships as legitimate, advocating the granting of spousal benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian workers.

The delegates also voted to amend their constitution to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause. SEIU also distributes nationwide a brochure produced by Local 250 (San Francisco), "AIDS and the Healthcare Worker."



sex talk over tea okay

MELBOURNE, Australia — While lesbian and gay activists picketed outside the Magistrates Court on May 10, a Magistrate inside the building dismissed charges of conspiring to corrupt public morals against nine gay men of the Pedophile Support Group.

Magistrate Wheelhouse ruled that there was insufficient evidence against the men to sustain the charges. Defense attorneys had argued that the men discussing their sexual orientation over cups of tea was not a crime, but rather social solace and comfort.

The hearing was held in open court with the media present, but when charges against the gay men were dropped, the media's silence on the matter contrasted sharply with earlier prejudicial reportage of the men's arrests.

Magistrate Wheelhouse's ruling makes a mockery of the transfer of technical school teacher Alison Thorne (in photo above, far left) because she spoke up in defense of the men at the time of their arrests in November 1983.

'we have not forgotten about blues'

NEW YORK — A planning meeting to address the Blues bar police riot (September 1982) and other police attacks on the lesbian/gay community will be held on Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Washington Square Church, 135 W. 4th St.

The Black and White Men Together/New York Political Action Committee said in their invitational letter, "This [attack] cannot be dismissed as exclusively a racial or gay issue. Even after two community members raised Blues at Rep. Conyers' recent Congressional hearings on police brutality, city officials have taken no action.

"We have not forgotten about Blues. Fifteen years ago a police attack on a Greenwich Village gay bar called 'Stonewall' brought worldwide attention to the plight of lesbians and gay men. Once again, we need to focus on another vicious example of police violence — the 1982 attack on Blues."

In an as-yet-unexplained raid on Blues bar, a predominantly black and Third World gay bar on Times Square, 25 cops stormed into the bar and systematically beat, harassed and abused both customers and workers. None of the police involved in the raid have been disciplined and all remain on active duty.

task force board will come up with bucks

NEW YORK — The board of directors of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) committed each of its members to raising a minimum of \$2500 annually for the organization, according to a press release issued by NGTF.

After several weeks' agitation by a group of New York area volunteers, called the Metropolitan Area Volunteers (MAV), and a contentious May 12 board meeting, the fundraising resolution received a favorable comment from John Rollins of the MAV, "The Board is showing an appreciation of the volunteers' contributions to the NGTF, and we are developing an appreciation of their different role, being scattered around the country and thus not enjoying that day-to-day sense of challenge and accomplishment . . . It simply takes time to get to know each other and to identify the best ways of working together. We are well on the way."

gay clergy admitted to cook county jail

CHICAGO — Clergy from Chicago-area parishes of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will begin ministering to lesbian and gay male prisoners at the Cook County Jail in early June.

MCC was granted permission to counsel prisoners after a meeting on April 12 between the Chaplaincy Council of the Cook County Department of Corrections, comprised of representatives of the denominations already active at the jail, and Reverend Celena Duncan, of the Good Shepherd Parish of MCC, along with members of the Prisoner Support Committee of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

MCC clergy will be able to visit prisoners for six hours a week, according to Reverend Steve Stahl, coordinator of the Chicago Area MCC Prison Project. Stahl also said that over 20 lay members of the four MCC congregations in or near Chicago have volunteered to correspond with prisoners.

Stahl, who recently moved from Milwaukee to become pastor of Holy Covenant MCC in Hinsdale, Illinois, directed MCC Detroit's Office of Institutional Ministry from 1979 until 1981.

For more information, write to the Chicago Area MCC Prison Project, PO Box 641, La Grange, IL 60525.

hart, mondale anti-family

SACRAMENTO, CA — Voters in California's capital city have received flyers accusing Democrats Walter Mondale and Gary Hart of being "anti-family" because of their endorsement of federal gay and lesbian civil rights legislation, according to the *Sacramento Bee*.

The American Family Association (AFA), which supports the re-election of Ronald Reagan, sent out about 40,000 flyers nationwide, claiming, "No doubt, the gay-lesbian forces will choose either Walter Mondale or Sen. Gary Hart. If Walter Mondale or Gary Hart defeat President Reagan, you, your family and our country are in big trouble."

A spokesman for the Reagan-Bush campaign committee quickly disassociated the campaign from the AFA, noting that "a number of groups have been trying to raise money for themselves using President Reagan's name. We disassociate ourselves from any group that would do that." A letter enclosed with the flyer requested contributions to "spread the news about the dangerous and destructive Mondale-Hart Gay Platform."

The American Family Association's other recent piece of hate mail called for the closing of all business establishments owned or operated by gay people to "stop the spread of AIDS."

new hep b vaccine developed, clones to the rescue

WEST POINT, PA — A new vaccine to be used against the hepatitis B virus outstrips the vaccine currently in use both because it can be produced cheaply and it can be produced in virtually limitless quantities, according to the *Washington Post*.

Dr. Edward Scolnick and colleagues at the Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research produced the vaccine through a process of gene splicing. They joined the gene that produces hepatitis B antigen to yeast cells; the yeast cells then multiplied and made millions of copies, or clones, of the gene. Then the cloned genes produced the anti-hepatitis antigen which is injected to inoculate people against the virus. It is the first vaccine to be produced by genetic engineering.

Estimates of the time it will take for the vaccine to become available for general use range from 2 to 3 years. About 200,000 liver infections per year are blamed on the hepatitis B virus, with 300 resulting deaths. Since June 1982, when the \$100 a dose hep B vaccine became available, only about 1 million doses have been administered to "only a fraction of persons at risk." Gay men with multiple partners are considered at risk for hepatitis B.

'People Are In A Quandry'

Silence On Longstaff Muddles Immigration

By Christine Guilfooy

WASHINGTON, DC — The Supreme Court has declined to hear the case of Richard John Longstaff, a pivotal case involving the immigration rights of lesbians and gay men. The decision leaves in a questionable situation gay people immigrating to or visiting the United States and may refocus attention on legislative efforts already in process.

In the May 29 decision, only Justice William Brennan, the court's leading liberal, wanted to review the case. The decision not to review Longstaff allows the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision to stand. That ruling upheld the right of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to exclude gay people from becoming naturalized citizens. But the decision conflicts with a ruling of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of Carl Hill, which in effect prevents the INS from barring gay men and lesbians seeking entrance into the U.S. The Ninth Circuit's ruling was not appealed by INS. In an interview with GCN, Longstaff commented, "People are in a quandry, two sets of federal laws are in effect [for different parts of the country]."

On June 6, a private bill on behalf of Longstaff was introduced into the House of Representatives by his congressperson, Mickey Leland (D-TX). Leland is a co-sponsor of the national gay civil

rights bill. A private bill is one which applies only to an individual, in this case, Longstaff. The bill would direct the U.S. Attorney General to cancel any deportation warrants and would prevent future attempts to deport Longstaff. In a statement from the House floor, Leland summarized his constituent's history and called the move to deny him citizenship "blatantly discriminatory" and an "issue of civil liberties."

Although Longstaff involves naturalization and Hill involves immigration, Leonard Graff of the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), a public interest law firm involved in both the Hill and Longstaff cases, told GCN the two cases are "strikingly similar" in theory.

Longstaff, who has lived in the U.S. for nearly 20 years, was a permanent resident when he applied for citizenship in 1977. At the naturalization proceedings he was asked if he was gay and he answered "yes."

INS says that citizenship is being denied because he failed to declare his homosexuality when he originally entered the country in 1965. However, Longstaff told GCN he was never asked if he was gay but was only asked if he was a psychopathic personality, to which he replied "no."

However, under current law, homosexuals are classified as psychopathic personalities and

thus are excludable. In the Hill case, it was argued that INS can no longer exclude gay people from the country since the mechanism prescribed by Congress is no longer available. The "mechanism" is a certificate from the Public Health Service (PHS) stating that a gay person is a mentally ill or a sexually deviant personality. The certificate must be issued by a doctor from the Public Health Service. However, in 1980, the PHS stopped issuing such certificates in the cases of gay people because the American Psychiatric Association (APA) had officially declassified homosexuality as a mental illness.

'Spatula Heads'

Bay Area Activists To Picket Family Forum

By David Lamble

SAN FRANCISCO — The anti-gay Christian Right hopes to steal some thunder from a gay and lesbian march on the Democratic National Convention by staging their own "pro-family" forum in this city four days before the Democrats' opening gavel. Speaking to the conference theme of "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" will be fundamentalist preacher Jerry Falwell, anti-ERA leader Phyllis

In Hill, it was successfully argued that without the certificate gay people could not be excluded, even if they tell INS officials that they are gay. However, in Longstaff, it was ruled that if a person claims to be homosexual, she/he can be excluded without the certificate.

By refusing to review the decision, the Supreme Court allows contradictory circuit court opinions to stand. This is unusual, and Mike Walsh, legislative assistant at Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) said, "The Supreme Court is still afraid to deal with gay issues."

Richard Landoli, a Boston attorney active in Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), said he also sees an unwillingness on the part of the Court to get involved in gay rights cases. He called the decision "cowardly" and added that the sentiment of the court may be against gay rights but they don't want to be perceived as anti-gay. In addition Landoli told GCN that immigration law is a specialized and difficult area which the Court probably prefers to avoid.

Landoli also speculated that since the Court refused to review

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Schlaflly and Alfred Regnery and William Bennett, both Reagan administration officials with anti-gay records and positions.

The Moral Majority conclave will headquarter at the Holiday Inn on Union Square, but political observers expect its real arena to be television screens in this country and around the world. Organizers of the National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights have estimated that up to a half a billion

persons will see some part of televised coverage of the Democrats and related convention events.

"It says something that the Democrats would choose San Francisco for their convention site, with its large homosexual population," said Laurie Ramsey, Washington, D.C.-based coordinator of the "Family Forum III." Ramsey said the forum is part of a series of biannual "pro-family" conferences dating back to 1980. She predicted that 400 people from around the country will convene to discuss issues such as possible "cures" for homosexuality. Ramsey's personal favorite appeared to be an anti-gay counseling group for parents of gay people called Spatula Ministries.

"They call it Spatula Ministries because they literally have to scrape the parents off the ceiling when they find out their children are involved in homosexuality," said Ramsey.

Ramsey and Moral Majority official Ron Godwin both said the July 12-13 dates for the forum were chosen to allow its findings to be incorporated into the Democratic platform. But, Democratic platform committee members indicated that the party's proposed positions will already be in print before the end of June. The Democrats are expected to endorse gay and lesbian civil rights, as they did in 1980. The "pro-family" forum will address homosexuality on its opening day, July 12. Ron Godwin denied that the conference's primary purpose was to attack gay people in their "mecca."

"If you're candidly asking me, will this conservative convention pander to negative attacks on homosexuals, the answer is no," Godwin said.

"There is an active movement on the part of homosexuals today to acquire official status so they can get greater tax money," said Godwin. "The Moral Majority believes that homosexuals should have all the rights Americans should enjoy. We do not believe they should have tax money."

The arrival of Jerry Falwell and the Moral Majority has not gone unnoticed by organizers of the National March for Lesbian/Gay Rights. Co-chair of the media committee for the march, Howard Wallace, said "there's no question we'll be picketing that conference."

Responding to the wishes of some conservative gay people that the Falwell forum be ignored, Wallace retorted, "Should we not respond and lead people to think the gay movement is dead in San Francisco?"

"These 'Spatula Heads' aren't total fools. They want publicity and they picked a time and place to get it. They'll just have to share

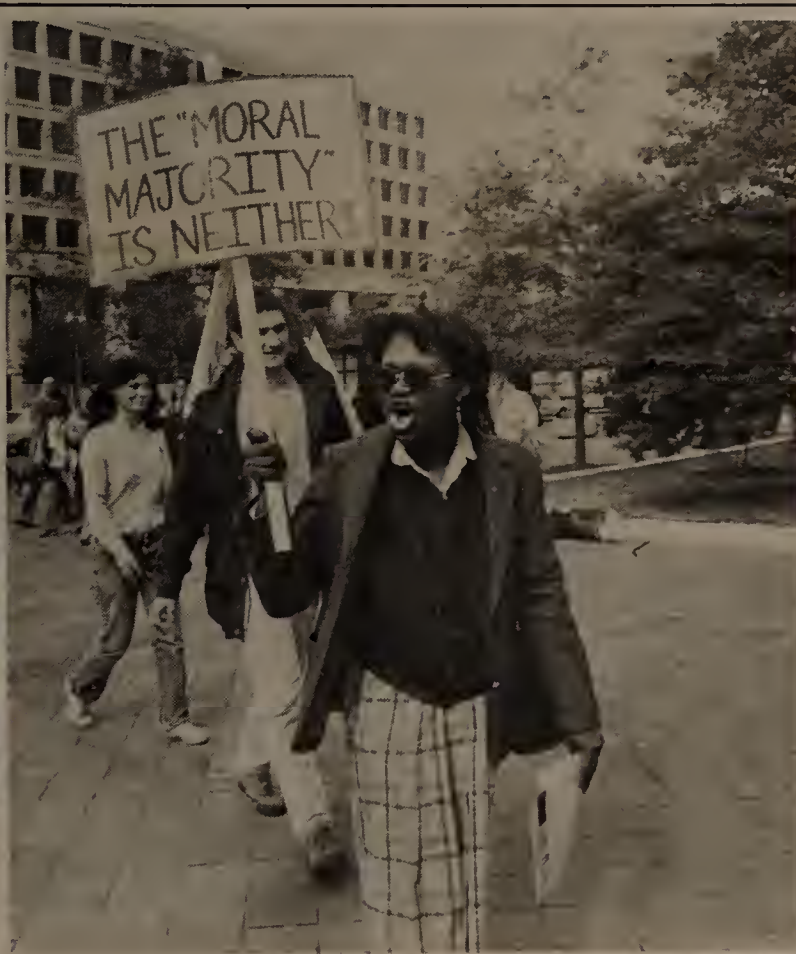
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Lesbians protest Greensboro acquittals at the Justice Department.

Floris Cauce, wife of Cesar Cauce who was murdered by Klansmen on November 3, 1979, joined lesbian protestors at the Justice Department.



Joan E. Biren

Lesbians Protest Greensboro Acquittals

By Jim Ryan

WASHINGTON, DC — A group of lesbians with gay male and straight supporters numbering about 30 staged a picket in front of the Justice Department building on May 30 to protest the recent acquittals of nine Klansmen and Nazis for the murder of five Communist Workers Party members in Greensboro, North Carolina in November, 1979. The protest was organized by an ad hoc group of lesbians called LIPS whose motto is "We believe in getting the word out."

The protesters condemned the Justice Department's handling of the Greensboro case and expressed the fear that the failure to bring the Klansmen and Nazis to justice would

encourage other bigots to direct hatred and violence against anyone who is different from them.

The Greensboro case began on November 3, 1979, when 39 Klansmen and American Nazis disrupted an anti-Klan rally in a black neighborhood in that city. Shooting began and five organizers of the Communist Workers Party were killed. Eleven others were injured. The Greensboro police, who along with the FBI had been warned of the possibility of violence, had stayed out of the area and arrived only after the shooting stopped. They did not pursue the escaping Klansmen, but instead arrested several of the anti-Klan demonstrators for rioting. The entire incident was captured on videotape by

cameramen from four television stations. A year later, six of those seen shooting on the videotapes were acquitted by an all-white jury. All other charges were dropped and the state of North Carolina declared the case closed.

The case was then brought in federal court charging the Klansmen and Nazis, as well as agents of the Greensboro police department and the federal government, with conspiring to violate the civil rights of the murdered persons and covering up events leading to the slayings. On April 15 of this year, the killers were again acquitted, in part because the Justice Department had elected to prosecute under a section of the U.S. Criminal Code that allowed the defendants' lawyers to

argue in their defense that the murder victims were actually "enemies of America."

The protesters condemned this tactic, saying it blamed the victims for the violence they encountered. The case is likened to a recent D.C. Superior Court decision that gave sentences of probation to two high school students who claimed their brutal attack on a gay man was excusable because they were drunk and had been propositioned. "Acceptance of violence by white heterosexual men on the grounds of the character of the victim is outrageous," read a LIPS flyer that was handed out at the demonstration. "The two acquittals are clearly identical in spirit."

Community Voices

color barriers

Dear GCN,

Have any of you, the friends/readers of this paper, ever considered why there is so much prejudice in this world? What is it, human nature to hate? Everywhere you look these days you see at least one group being stepped on either because of their color, their beliefs or something else. Why?

As a black man, I've been faced with prejudice most of my life. What's fucking me up now is the prejudice in prison, and it's almost a sin for black to mix with white. But that hasn't stopped me. The people I associate with are white and that adds to the pressures.

I need help. Out there in that big world is there a gay man who doesn't believe in a color barrier who can help me not only with my coming out, but also help me to understand why so much prejudice. I'm getting out at the end of this year and by then I hope to 1) be all the way out of the closet and 2) have a "sother" to go home to. I can't accomplish neither without help from someone out there. Is such a person out there or am I just wasting ink and time?

In Gayness,
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gay male patriarchy

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Robert Halfhill's "On Anti-Porn Efforts and Gay Male Separatism" in the Speaking Out section of *Gay Community News* (May 26, 1984). While I appreciate his need for articulating the opposition to the anti-pornography movement, I wish his articulation had been less narrow-minded and blatantly sexist.

I am both a lesbian and a feminist, and while I do not work actively in the feminist anti-porn movement, I am active in other feminist groups and generally support the aims of the feminist anti-porn activists — to stop violence against women by eradicating that which fuels it, pornography. I am writing to counter remarks Mr. Halfhill made which I find both wrong and counterproductive to the aims of both the feminist and lesbian/gay movements.

First and foremost is his assumption that all anti-porn activists have a "puritanical gut reaction against sex . . .", or erotophobia as he aptly names it. What angers me is Mr. Halfhill's failure to distinguish between feminist and non-feminist anti-porn activists, between radical women and conservative, "clean up the neighborhood and save the family" Jerry Falwell types. Yes, it is true that the conservative, nuclear-family activists are often against any sex that is not procreative. But how could anyone lump feminists with these reactionaries when it is feminists (and many lesbian feminists) who have fought and continue to fight for the sexual liberation of women? And this is precisely the point which Mr. Halfhill seemed to miss — feminist anti-porn activists are not anti-sex but anti-exploitation. Pornography (and I speak here of straight porn, not gay male) is not erotica, not when the scales of power are so overwhelmingly tipped to men. By stopping the sale of exploitive, sexist, "male entertainment," anti-porn activists are hoping to stop the other violence done to women — rape, battering, incest, etc. . . . It seems unfortunate that Mr. Halfhill failed to see the gains for women when he focused only on the loss faced by gay men.

In this respect, Mr. Halfhill does a good job of showing how anti-porn legislation has hurt gay men, through arrests, increased anti-gay sentiment on the part of the police, the closing of meeting places, etc. . . . These are valid concerns, particularly because I am not convinced that gay male porn is inherently exploitive. But instead of opening a dialogue between feminists and gay men, Mr. Halfhill closes it down by refusing to acknowledge how important the goals of the anti-porn movement are to women (and really to men as well). Instead, he accuses the activists of being anti-sex and of not working on other "aspects of our society that are sexist." I wonder if he is aware of organizations like Dykes Against Racism Everywhere, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, COYOTE — the organization for prostitute's rights, or the Reproductive Rights National Network, the tip of an iceberg of groups organized to fight sexism in *all* aspects of this misogynist culture.

While as a lesbian and a feminist I support the aims of the gay liberation movement, I fail to see how gay men can hope to gain liberation apart from the liberation of women. Seeing as how the oppression of gay men is directly linked to the oppression of women (gay men are, after all, not "real" men, they are like women and are treated as such — oppressed), any liberation gay men achieve that does not also liberate women will be a false and patriarchal one. For me, Robert Halfhill's gay male separatism is in reality gay male patriarchy.

Anne Phibbs
Orono, ME

tenderness more punished than violence

Dear Prisoner Project,

Yesterday, I got a notice from the mail room to come in Monday and sign a rejection slip for *GCN*. It's the article about criminal justice that has been denied. I can clip it out and keep the rest of the paper if I want. (I plan to read the article in the mail room though.)

As an inmate in the Texas Department of Corrections I have had to make weekly trips to the unit mailroom to sign rejection notices for *GCN*.

As a lesbian I wasn't happy about it. Time and again I was told that TDC would never condone receipt of a publication which advocates "criminal sex practices" and I'd save myself a lot of trouble if I'd just write and discontinue my subscription. I've never been threatened physically, but I have definitely been passed over for promotions in class (which would enable me to earn more good-time), and punished rather more harshly than I thought quite fair at such times as I did break a rule; small things, but prison is made up of small things. Official policy stated that mailrooms must reject *GCN* for the safety of the inmate, since anyone receiving an openly gay publication would be "subject to attack by other inmates." I can't speak for the gay men incarcerated in TDC, but on the female units that lame excuse is nothing short of ludicrous. If I had been subjected to extreme punishments or even physically threatened I still wouldn't have cancelled my subscription to *GCN* or any other gay rag, mainly because they made me mad; *GCN* was denied by the same people who let Ku Klux Klan literature in without batting an eye.

The Texas Department of Corrections is the largest state prison system in this country, with more than twenty separate units housing upwards of 35,000 prisoners. The system is run by a network of "good old boys," and its policies are a direct reflection of their personal morals and values, so homophobia is the rule rather than the exception. A certain amount of sexual activity is expected, and overlooked, among male prisoners because of the misguided belief that men have a stronger "sex drive" than women, and must have some outlet for it. In actuality, most "sexual" activity on male units has much more to do with violence and dominance than with homosexuality, while non-lesbian female prisoners may engage in sexual relationships in prison for emotional bonding and to belong to a certain group, yet female prisoners are punished more severely for violations of rules pertaining to sexual activity. Sex on female units is treated as a "disgusting and degrading practice," and women have lost accrued good-time and gone to solitary confinement for as little as a peck on the cheek. In an environment such as this, where tenderness is punished more often than violence, to be known as a woman who loves women isn't good, but to voluntarily admit it is positively foolhardy. The receipt of *GCN* was denied for many years by the mail rules of TDC, but just being on a mailing list was considered to be admission of "perversion" and what they call "sexual malpractice."

However, several months ago I got my first copy of *GCN* in the mail. It wasn't the waiting or the individual protests that got the rules changed, but a class action suit filed in federal court many years ago, *Guajardo v. Estelle*. *Guajardo* has changed many things in TDC regarding censorship, not only of our reading material but our very letters to our families and friends.

People such as Guajardo and Ruiz (David Ruiz filed another suit which covered everything the *Guajardo* didn't) are few and far between, because most inmates are concerned with their personal well-being and getting out of prison. Prisoners who make federal waves seldom get out of prison until the last possible moment. "Writ writers" are harassed in many ways, and few people want to take the chances that must be taken in order to stand up for abstract ideals or even basic rights.

Do you know anything about the possible plight of gay prisoners in your own state? Do you care? Remember: people in prison are restricted in many more ways than just freedom of movement, and *everyone* is a potential convict. Thanks for everything you do,
R.L. Richardson
285002, Rt 4 Box 800 MVG-I,
Gatesville, TX 76528

retreat in trouble

Dear GCN:

The Retreat, formerly the Falls Village Inn, has been a resource and refuge for the women's community for the past four years. However, \$100,000 must be raised for a down payment by September or the inn will be placed on the open market and sold. Innkeeper Nancy Barberi, who has rented the establishment for a year and a half, is seeking investors and someone to coordinate fundraising and a purchase plan. Presently, \$40,000 has been pledged, but an additional \$60,000 must be raised immediately. Therefore, we urge women of means, a.k.a. "rich dykes," to

where's the unicorn?

Dear GCN,

I am wondering what happened to *Odyssey Of A Unicorn*. For quite awhile now I have been waiting for an article by Nancy Walker; the exact measure of time escapes me. I first thought perhaps her new assignment with *Classifieds* was initially too tiring or time-consuming; then I thought perhaps she was experiencing writer's block: so I was understanding and patient. Being that it was on my mind, I happened to mention to someone that I enjoyed her writing and was missing it. I was told that she was not being allotted space in the paper!

Since I am not a staff member or director or confidant of Nancy all I know is this rumor. For a moment let us presume that it is true; this is my reaction. We have in common humanity and the denial of our political rights; nothing else, not even the expression of our sexuality. A paper which purports to be the organ for dissemination of all of the views of the community cannot, in good conscience, systematically deny space to any of them; a paper which describes itself as Republican (etc. . .) need not publish the viewpoints of Democrats (etc. . .) — one does not expect a balanced coverage. My own particular opinion is that all positions are not only valid but necessary: the activists function as issue-raisers; the moderates (once convinced of a need) as the time, effort, and money donors to effect change; the conservatives to stress the initiative of the individual.

Now let us presume that this rumor is false; this is my reaction. I want to take this time to express my genuine appreciation of the effort and ability of Nancy Walker — I have enjoyed your articles and shall look forward to more.

Sincerely,
Valerie A. St. Cyr
Lynn, MA

(Ed. note — Nancy will continue to write reviews, features, etc., although she will no longer be writing "Odyssey of a Unicorn" for GCN.)

nix on the nick

Dear GCN,

In a letter in the May 19 issue, Trudi Goodman and Richard Waring raise the issue of who we pay our money to in order to see films relevant to our politics and culture. I hope that their restatement of issues about Copley Place and Sack Theatres has influenced other readers to withhold their patronage from Copley Place.

Because of their greater capital to bid for movies, the Copley Place Sack and the Nickelodeon theaters have already established a near-monopoly on opening films likely to be profitable because they are of special interest to alternative, lefty, gay, feminist, and art film audiences. Some of these films will move to smaller area theaters later. I don't want my movie money used for union busting, displacement of lower income people, discrimination against handicapped people, and putting small theaters out of business — even if I have to miss some films I really want to see and everyone is talking about.

I would like *GCN* to incorporate some of these values into editorial policy. An example is the recent Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at the Nickelodeon. *GCN* printed a large ad and a long review of films in the festival. There was no update or comment about the current status of the struggle to unionize the Nick, although *GCN* has printed such information in the past. There is still no sign of a union contract, and management continues the unfair, possibly illegal labor practices that it hopes will drive out the remaining support for the union.

I wish that every gay person who read about the festival in *GCN* and attended any of it had asked to speak to a manager and voiced interest in progress toward a union contract. By printing an update and a suggestion like this along with material promoting an event, *GCN* could encourage us to stop collaborating with obnoxious businesses by paying our money without protest. Don't let's wait for a boycott to be called before we express our views to management. In fact, why not give the Nickelodeon a call, even though the festival will be over by the time you read this? Both the staff and the management need to hear from us.

Sincerely,
Jill Wolhandler
Cambridge, MA

make a pledge. Since so few all-women retreats exist, it would be tragic to lose the Retreat.

We encourage women to experience the idyllic country environment and hospitality, to enjoy the fresh air, swimming pool, tennis courts, and lovely vistas. If the money is not raised, the summer may be the last opportunity. Supporters are urged to contact Nancy Barberi, The Retreat, P.O. Box 311, Falls Village, CT 06031, or (203) 824-7479.

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Speaking Out

Gays and the Jesse Jackson Rainbow Coalition

By Billy Jones, Fifth Congressional District, California Delegate for Jackson and Coordinator of The National Network of Lesbians and Gays for Jackson

I believe firmly that it is time for lesbians and gays to look at reasons to support the candidacy of Jesse Jackson rather than continually embroiling ourselves in Jackson's mistakes, weaknesses, or inexperience. Foremost, we need to acknowledge that Jackson's candidacy is about far greater aspirations than becoming President of these United States, which are not that united.

Jackson is *building a movement* of grassroots and disenfranchised people who have either given up on the American Democratic political process or never believed that there was a snowball's chance of their issues being addressed. Jackson is *building a coalition* of voters who have been stigmatized by political, economic, and social injustices. Jackson is *building a political base* to bring about changes and alternative approaches to domestic and foreign crises.

While Jackson is often criticized for not publicly elaborating on the specifics of his stance on lesbian and gay issues, the lavender glow in Jackson's campaign is much brighter and hopeful than either of his contenders or any other presidential candidate of a major/mainstream political party. While Hart and Mondale have agreed to support the weak Senate version of a bill that would end discrimination against lesbians and gays in federal employment, Jackson supports the stronger and more inclusive House version of ending discrimination against lesbians and gays in employment, housing, public accommodations, and social services. While Hart and Mondale had to think about the merits and feasibility of lesbians and gays in the military, Jackson's immediate response was that to exclude us is discriminating.

Jackson has emerged as the most enlightened, sensitive, and supportive candidate for lesbians and gays. We were members of his exploratory team, serve in national, state, and local advisory capacities, and are visibly active as staff and slated delegates.

My first awareness of Jackson addressing a lesbian/gay audience was in 1983 at a private Los Angeles gathering of selected guests (mostly white upper-middle income men). Quite frankly, Jackson's perspectives on what lesbian and gay issues are about was disappointing. And although his stance had improved by the fall's Human Rights Campaign Dinner in New York, there was still concern by some that Jackson's perception of lesbian/gay Civil Rights was that we were basically privileged middle and upper income white men seeking sexual liberation. Thus there were references to "sexual appetite," "sexual orientation" vs. "sexual preferences," and sexual behaviors and lifestyles.

The coming together of lesbians and gays in Jackson's Rainbow Coalition has been an educational and sensitizing experience for all of us. Gays most attracted to the Jackson campaign are those of color, of diverse social/economic levels, and of coalition-building politics rather than single issue or special interest politics. So while Jackson's position paper on Lesbian/Gay issues and responses to the national gay questionnaire are of more substance than any of the other candidates, when he addresses gay groups, he references gay issues within the larger framework of issues which relate to a broader spectrum of his Rainbow Coalition.

If Jackson is to win a large share of the gay vote in the California Primary on June 5th, he needs to elaborate on his support of gay rights by publicly articulating his position without co-opting or diluting his specific position with other issues, or using the time to call gay activists on their racism, lifestyles, or single-issue focus.

Jackson's delivery style has been not only to state his position on such issues as intervention, racism, unemployment, defense build-up, and social services, but also to confront audiences on their failure to speak and act against injustice. So while Jackson has spoken to more gay groups as a candidate than either Mondale or Hart, his supportive statements to specific lesbians and gays are often forgotten in the shadow of confrontation.

We often forget that unlike the other candidates, who have had the experience of serving in elected office, Jackson's experience and background is of a political/social activist from grassroots movements. Decisions, schedules, and financial support for Jackson's candidacy is more likely to come from grassroots groups who are not only new but naive to the nuts and bolts of the political process. The other candidates have access to experienced organizers, political machines, and big name endorsements.

Observe the hundreds of Jesse Jackson presidential buttons that have come from the people in the myriad of almost-homemade forms; then look at the one, slick, standard campaign button each candidate uses; developed in highly-specialized political advertising think-tanks.

Observe the limited and localized ads and flyers in the gay community advocating Jackson's campaign against the flood of mainstream marketing the other candidates employ.

In spite of Jackson's limited campaign resources, the momentum and enthusiasm for his candidacy keeps growing — not because his supporters are deluded about his chances of winning, but because he is molding the Democratic Party into a real alternative to Reaganomics; because he is raising issues which would otherwise remain unaddressed; he is involving tens of thousands of Americans who have never before felt included.

In white America, minorities all too often have to conform to white standards — or become superstars — to gain recognition or to be taken seriously. When other candidates make insensitive statements, they are either overlooked or soon forgotten; Jackson's "Hymie" remark has been the subject of overkill. Supporters of Jackson — as well as Jackson himself — acknowledge that the statement was in poor taste and insensitive. Jackson has apologized. The media, consciously or unconsciously, have used the "Hymie" statement to divide what was, in the past, a strong political alliance of blacks and Jews.

But the positive fallout of Jackson's insensitive remark is that it began a dialogue within the Rainbow Coalition on issues which had not been addressed: the connections between racism, anti-semitism, Zionism, and the PLO. Most people of color have been so preoccupied with their own racial oppression that they never understood — or had even heard of — anti-semitism or homophobia. The lesson that those who hold power continue to do so through promoting disunity and conflict has become increasingly more apparent. Many Jews and blacks have assessed their mutual situation and are reiterating their support of Jesse Jackson's candidacy.

The two most unlikely constituencies in the Rainbow Coalition are the Black Muslims and gays. Yet even we have agreed to disagree and to refrain from letting media attacks and our own differences destroy the coalition. Louis Farrakhan's remarks are intended to appeal to his followers: radical, hostile in tone, even extremist. We must keep in mind that the followers of the Black Muslim faith are, for the most part, ex-convicts and street people who are not going to be motivated to vote for a candidate or participate in a system that has historically been oppressive. To advocate disavowing the Black Muslims is to advocate disunity among blacks. In the past Black Muslims and gays have *talked about each other*. In Jackson's Rainbow Coalition, Black Muslims and gays are *talking to each other* and trying to understand what the other is about.

The struggle of working with homophobic and sexist personalities within the Rainbow Coalition is painful. We often have to remind ourselves to separate the individuals from the candidate and to keep our issues in front of us. Thus a *National Network of Lesbians & Gays for Jackson* has been formed in the Bay Area to keep Jackson informed of our agenda, to network with other Jackson delegates, and to form links with Mondale and Hart delegates.

Unity and More in '84

By Marsha H. Levine, Coordinator, Pride Celebration

This year's Pride Celebration promises to be new, different and exciting. Changes have been made at the community's request and we hope that you agree — it is a change for the better!

The Parade route, the starting time and place — 12 Noon at Copley Square — will remain traditionally the same. More floats and music, more banners and flags should be evident along with the increase in our numbers. Those with vehicles in the parade should be aware that there is a traffic island at Charles and Beacon Streets that will need maneuvering around. Please call Parade Coordinator Lynn at 277-8442 for more information. You should also call Lynn if you will be assembling a group or contingent in the parade, as two of your members should plan on attending a marshalling/security meeting before the parade on Saturday morning.

After the parade arrives at Boston Common, you will be guided towards the festival site at the Boston Common Ball Park, directly adjacent to last year's rally site. We will be requesting a \$1.00 gate donation. This donation will help offset high insurance costs for the event, and also allow us to start our community pay-back program. The pay-back program means a donation of thousands of dollars back to the Boston Lesbian/Gay Community. Each community group or organization that volunteers its members to work at the festival will receive a donation directly related to the number of volunteers available. There are a limited number of volunteer positions — enough for only 125 4-hour shifts — and these shifts can be divided up at the group's or organization's discretion (1 person can work 4 hours, 2 people can work 2 hours each, 4 people can work one hour each, etc.). And if the Pride Festival exceeds its expected income, there will be a bonus plan to the program, increasing the amount of your donation!

The Festival will be a 4½ hour extravaganza of music, two guest speakers, other entertainment, games, information booths, food and refreshments in our Cafe-on-the-Common area, camel rides by the Oasis Guesthouse, and a 5-story high Hot Air Balloon. Rides on the balloon will be available on a limited basis (due to time and capacity restrictions) and advance ticket information is available by calling Marsha at 889-4777. This 1st Annual Festival will feature Plain Brown Wrapper, selected scenes from Beebo Brinker, Casselberry and Dupree, Tom Wilson, Elliot Pilshaw and Susan Abod, Romanovsky and Phillips, guest speaker Harry Hay — founder of the Mattachine Society, The Girlrillas, comics Danny Williams and Linda Moakes, and guest speaker Yaniya Pearson.

Pre-purchase gate passes are advised! There will be two special gates for passes ONLY to speed entrance lines. You can find the passes available for a donation of \$1.00 at Glad Day Book Store, all Pride events and tables selling our products at several in-city bars. For other locations call 889-4777.

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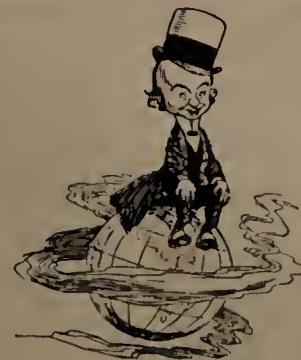
The Festival should begin at approximately 1:30 PM, immediately following the Parade.

This year's Pride Celebration is for everyone. It's for those who come out to celebrate

our successes and our struggles; and it's for those who can't join us, as we remember it all began 15 years ago in a New York bar — The Stonewall. It's a day that we can be proud to walk down the streets of Boston as an army of lovers, a day to be angry that our rights are not fully ours. Saturday, June 16th is a day that unites us all!

Author's note: On Monday, June 6, Yaniya Pearson called to say she was unable to speak at this year's festival. Due to time limits, she cannot be replaced.

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Attention Subscribers

Our "Pick Up A Friend For GCN" project is beginning to show some results. This week we found new friends in Missouri, Wisconsin, New York, California, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, Texas and Massachusetts.

But this is just the beginning — we need many many more! Please pick up that envelope and find us a new subscriber. Thanks.

Pride

Big doin's on tap for Gay and Lesbian Pride Day in your town? Tell the world! Send us your b/w photos and a brief summary of Pride events. You and your friends will become a part of the gay liberation movement's history by being included in GCN's annual national Pride summary. Don't be shy, show us your pride! Deadline is June 25. Please include a contact name and phone number. Mail to: Pride Editor, GCN, 167 Tremont, Boston, 02111.

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sulting from lifelong diabetes.

Bell wrote about gay culture
and topics of interest to gay
men and lesbians from the per-
spective of an openly gay man.
He was one of the first writers
to do so in a straight publica-
tion. He began working for the
Voice in 1970, launched his col-
umn, "Bell Tells," in 1975 and
was added to the *Voice* staff in
1976. The style of his enter-
tainment/gossip column ran
the gamut from biting to en-
dearing, bitchy to friendly.

Bell also covered hard news,
investigating organized crime

activities and the bungling of
criminal cases by officials. He
was instrumental in drawing at-
tention to Hollywood's anti-
gay film, *Cruising*, shot in
Greenwich Village in 1979.
Outraged gay people picketed
the film's Village on-site loca-
tion shooting and screenings in
New York and other cities.

Bell was one of the founders
of New York's Gay Activist
Alliance, founded in 1969.
GAA members wrote the
group's constitution and held
the first election of officers in
his Manhattan apartment. A
publicist for Random House at
one time, Bell handled GAA's
press relations and ensured that
the group's public demonstra-
tions and zaps would not be

overlooked by the straight
press.

Bell wrote two books: *Danc-
ing the Gay Lib Blues* in 1971, a
personal account of his early
days in the gay movement, and
Kings Don't Mean A Thing in
1978, the story of the murder of
gay heir John Knight III.

Arthur Evans, Bell's lover
from 1964 to 1970 and a close
friend until Bell's death, said,
"What [Arthur] wanted was to
be himself and get paid for do-
ing it. He did and had a won-
derful, rich life."

Bell was born in Brooklyn,
New York on November 14,
1932. He is survived by his
father, Samuel; his sister,
Doreen Resnick; and his
brother, Donald.

Boston Bill

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I'm very upset. I love this
country."

"I have nothing against a gay or
a lesbian. Nothing. But they will
get no more rights than I get,"
O'Neil declared, now shouting at
the top of his voice. "I'll fight this!
Don't destroy this city from
within! You've got rights!"

O'Neil was also overheard dur-
ing a recess in the council meeting
threatening Councillor Robert
Travaglini concerning the latter's
position on the bill. "You vote for
that," warned O'Neil, "and I'll
have it all over the papers in East
Boston, the North End and
Charlestown."

Longstaff

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the case, this might encourage
other circuit courts to follow the
Longstaff rather than the *Hill* rul-
ing.

Longstaff told *GCN* that he has
not seen any written statement
from the Supreme Court and is un-
certain as to why they refused re-
view. He added that although he
saw an account in the *Dallas
Time/Herald* that deportation
proceedings would begin soon, he
has received no official notifica-
tion. Longstaff will attend a
meeting, with NGRA, which is
coordinating efforts on his behalf,
to discuss his options on June 11.

The bill introduced by Leland
on Longstaff's behalf will have the
immediate effect of holding up
any deportation proceedings until
it has been considered. An aide to
Leland told *GCN*, "Leland acted
quickly so INS wouldn't act pre-
cipitously. The INS is put on hold
while Congress is acting on it."

He refused to speculate on the
bill's chances, but added, "Private
bills usually go through without
people getting riled up. But that's
not to say it is not a controversial
issue. It could be stopped."

Forum

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that publicity with us."

Wallace termed the "pro-
family" theme of the Moral Ma-
jority as "a camouflage for their
extreme authoritarian, anti-gay
program."

Wallace charged that the anti-
gay "pro-family" conference is
being sponsored by the Free Con-
gress Foundation, which raises
funds for the Committee for a Free
Congress, a conservative political

According to Scondras,
Travaglini has pledged support for
the ordinance. And, says Scon-
dras, five other councillors have
told him they will cast a yes vote:
Bruce Bolling, Chris Ianella,
Michael McCormack, Brian
McLaughlin and Charles Yancey.
That would bring the total to seven
out of 13 councillors, enough to
pass the ordinance.

City Council President Joseph
Tierney, who last summer earned
the endorsement of the Ward 5
Democratic Committee after
agreeing in principle with the idea
of a gay rights ordinance, told

GCN he has not yet made up his
mind. "It's a rather lengthy or-
dinance and I think I should read
it," Tierney said. "That's what I
get paid to do." Councillors
Maura Hennigan and James Kelly
also told *GCN* they had not yet
read the ordinance nor made up
their minds.

The ordinance has been referred
to the committee on Human Ser-
vices, which has scheduled a public
hearing for June 14 at 7 p.m. in the
council chambers. Scondras pre-
dicted that the full council will
vote on the bill at its June 20
meeting.

The bill is being referred to the
Judiciary Subcommittee on Im-
migration, Refugees and Interna-
tional Law, chaired by Romano
Mazzoli (D-NY). Mazzoli is an
author of the controversial im-
migration reform bill often refer-
red to as the Simpson-Mazzoli bill.
Also on the subcommittee is Rep.
Barney Frank (D-MA) who told
GCN he will support the Longstaff
bill. Leland's office said they ex-
pect Frank to play a key role in ad-
vancing the bill.

Frank has played key roles in
other immigration-related battles.
He has introduced a bill which
would overhaul the exclusionary
categories in immigration law and
eliminate gay people and others
from those categories.

Joshua Koltun, an aide to
Frank, said hearings on the bill will
be held later this month. In terms
of exclusion of gay people, he said,
"By holding hearings, the ad-
ministration has to defend the
policy. Not many people in the
U.S. know that homosexuals can
be excluded. This will provide
more public education."

Koltun explained that some of
the exclusionary categories are

outdated and can be easily chang-
ed but the ones which fall under
the aegis of "National Security"
and psychopathic personality will
be the most troublesome. Current-
ly, he added, people who hold
political views of which the INS
does not approve are more likely
to be excluded.

Walsh said that the now-ques-
tionable gains made in the courts
might be further undone by a letter
form the Justice Department
which asks the PHS to reinstate its
old policy of issuing medical cer-
tificates. However, NGRA reports
no movement in that direction and
Walsh said his sources indicate the
request will be ignored at least for
the time being.

Meanwhile, the House version
of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigra-
tion bill is expected to be con-
sidered by mid-June. The Senate
version, which was passed several
months ago, angered many minor-
ity and civil rights groups. Among
other things, the Senate version
took away the right to judicial
review of INS rulings while the
House version reinstates the right
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Justifying Discrimination

The Bishops And The State Gay Rights Bill

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — Even as the eleventh annual Massachusetts lesbian and gay rights bill languishes in a committee of nervous legislators seeking re-election this year, the four Catholic bishops of Massachusetts have issued a statement opposing the legislation.

"It must always be remembered," read the statement, issued on May 31, "that there is a necessary distinction, very often ignored, between unjust discrimination (the arbitrary limitation of human rights) and the necessary limitation placed on the exercise of human rights whenever such actions would interfere with the just rights of others and harm society . . . Homosexuals, surely, possess all the rights proper to human beings but, as in the case of heterosexuals, these rights should be limited whenever they come into conflict with the rights of others and the common good."

The statement was signed by newly-installed Boston Archbishop Bernard Law, Bishop Joseph Maguire of Springfield, Bishop Timothy Harrington of Worcester, and Bishop Daniel Cronin of Fall River.

Ben Schatz, lobbyist for the Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus, called the bishops' statement "despicable, hypocritical and inexcusable." The statement, he said, "endorses discrimination. The letter explicitly argues that discrimination against gay people is justified."

Asked by GCN for an example of "just discrimination," the Rev. Peter Conley, spokesperson for the Boston Archdiocese said he was not intimately familiar with the history of the statement, but offered an example he termed "speculation."

"Suppose you have someone who is an admitted active homosexual in a position which

would reflect upon a position of the church which is contrary to that," Conley said. "In other words, somebody who is closely associated with the church, whether he be a priest, religious, whether for that matter he be a bishop. He might be somebody who works for the church, somebody who is the principal of a school, somebody who is involved in counseling children and who openly admits not only to a homosexual orientation but homosexual activity and says that in his or her mind that it's not wrong. Then what does the church do?"

Asked if the bishops might change their minds were an amendment exempting religious

years in the United States bears out the necessity for caution in these matters."

Former Caucus lobbyist Arline Isaacson, who now is the lobbyist for the city of Boston at the State House, responded to this argument. "Regardless of the position taken by the bishops on homosexuality," said Isaacson, "regardless of the position taken on homosexuality by any religious leader, the bill should be passed because the bill in no way deals with religion or morality. The bill deals only with the issue of civil rights . . . If we allow religious beliefs to enter discussions on who receives civil rights, we open the door to a very dangerous situation."

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organizations added to the bill, Conley shifted his focus. "The main concern would be, does the impression from a number of these anti-discrimination things create the impression of legitimizing a sort of lifestyle, that it is alright morally because it is alright legally?"

Conley's words echo a similar argument in the bishops' statement, where one further connection is made. Wrote the bishops: "Our concern in this regard is heightened by a common perception in our country that whatever is declared legal, by that very fact, becomes morally right. The tragic abortion experience of the past ten

Isaacson and Schatz said the Caucus is at work on a written reply to the bishops' statement, a response decided upon after protracted debate at an emergency meeting of the Caucus board. An earlier plan to call a press conference was scrapped at the meeting because, according to Schatz, "a majority of members of the board were concerned that a press conference could further alienate the church and make the situation worse."

Schatz, who supported the idea of a press conference, said he felt "that the statement itself is so bad that to worry about something worse was shortsighted. The letter itself is the

something worse they are worried about."

Isaacson, who also supported the idea of a press conference, nevertheless cautioned against offending the church. "We're dealing with a force which is so very influential in the church and in the state legislature," she said. "To ignore that, we'd be ignoring the goal of passing the lesbian and gay rights bill."

Isaacson also said the bishops' statement did contain some positive elements. "The Catholic bishops are acknowledging that discrimination exists against lesbians and gay men," she said. "Whether it's just or not, they're saying that it exists. Some legislators deny that it even exists."

Isaacson also noted that the bishops had, in spite of their opposition to the bill, decried anti-gay violence. A passage from the bishops' statement reads: "In voicing our opposition to the passage of this bill, we must state publicly our disapproval of the unjust harassment of homosexuals by members of the heterosexual community. Such behavior is unconscionable and it must be stopped. However, we are of the opinion that this will be achieved only by a process of consciousness-raising leading heterosexuals to proper respect for persons who happen to be homosexuals. What we need is education and a change of heart, not new and ill-advised legislation."

"That's just wonderful," Isaacson said. "I'm thrilled that the Catholic bishops want to educate the people about lesbians and gay men . . . If the Catholic clergy did that and nothing more, if they campaigned for people to respect homosexuals, if they campaigned for a change of heart, they'd be helping us a lot."

Asked specifically what the church might do to bring about

"education and a change of heart," Fr. Conley said a new set of sexual education guidelines for the archdiocese, including information about homosexuality, was now on Archbishop Law's desk. But, Conley said, "by and large, it's like the racism question. You won't find too many who beat up on blacks or who beat up on homosexuals or who beat up on any group — they're usually not the crowd that's there on Sunday morning . . . I believe sometimes the role of the church is exaggerated in correcting some social ills. What we can do we must do, but when you realize the church is a free association, that's one of the great dilemmas I always find — [when] you preach about violence, whatever its manifestation is, you preach to the saved."

What has the bishops' statement done to the chances for the bill this year? "To think that we can get the bill passed without opposition of some religious groups is naive," Schatz said. "I hope this will get some of the more complacent members of our community off their asses. If people just sit and complain and kvetch, then the bishops will have succeeded."

"There are many bills that come up at the State House that are in conflict with religious groups, including the Catholic Church," Isaacson added, "and very often legislators separate themselves from what their religious beliefs are and vote the merits of the bill on a secular basis."

And Isaacson noted that there is a diversity of opinion within the church itself. "We have assembled since the bill came out a list of 50 Catholic clergy who said they support the bill," she said.

A spokesperson for Dignity, an organization for lesbian and gay Catholics, said that organization is in the process of preparing a response to the bishops.

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By Charley Shively

The large crop of pseudo health-books form only a small part of the mediafication of both homosexuality and disease. The high point in media nonsense may have been reached when the head Moral Majority preacher journeyed to Cincinnati in order to close the baths there. That there has been no bath house in the twentieth century in Cincinnati was hardly noticed.

Contrary to the ideology that everything is improving, *The Homosexual Health Guidebook* published in 1970 by *Queen's Quarterly* is better than the current crop of health guides. The *QQ* book put an emphasis on the fun of sex; it contained many photos for jerking off, and some curious sections on penis elongation and aphrodisiacs. But the 1970 work had none of today's *mea culpa's*. For instance, *QQ* answers the question "Can homosexuality be cured?" with the sensible "No — because it is not a disease. Straight society has deemed it a disease and has conditioned most homosexuals to accept this as fact."

In response to this, the cleric-medic establishment even among gays has been itching to reestablish the disease syndrome. The *Advocate Gay Health Guide* is instructive: in the first edition (1978) they couldn't really find a specifically "gay disease" but they needed to identify a specific homosexual health hazard. The *Guide* argued that numerous bathhouse customers were being found dead during morning clean-up. Supposedly they choked while sucking cock and either died on the spot or passed out and were trampled to death. Fenwick also pinpointed lack of upward mobility as a cause of sexual dysfunction. Now in the second and up-dated edition of the book, strangulation is forgotten as AIDS provides the answer to both the doctor's and the preacher's, as well as the upwardly mobile gay's, prayer: AIDS.

Michael Bronski has wisely pointed out that the term "gay disease" is an oxymoron like "cruel kindness." Likewise, the older term "venereal disease" or the updated "sexually transmitted disease." Venery or sex or prostitution or promiscuity does not transmit or carry disease; they have been linked together for nasty purposes by clerics and medics; this was better understood in 1970 than in 1984. Diseases are transmitted by particular pathogens like bacteria, parasites, viruses and various poisons (asbestos, for instance) which are carried by specific vectors — air, mosquitos, smoke, rats, dogs, milk, cats, pigs, fish, water, humans.

According to Roland Barthes' *Mythologies*, myth is a diachronic representation (a linear succession through time) of synchronic (timeless) oppositions. Thus VD, STD and "gay plague" are timeless forms/concepts, which get filled as time goes by with things like syphilis, gonorrhea, hepatitis, herpes, and now AIDS. Penicillin could not end VD; only gay revolution could do that. Gay revolution tried to destroy the churches and the doctors, but those forces — rather like VD — have only increased in virulence as the antibody of liberation was directed toward them.

A word must be said about the medical profession in the United States. Many critics have found much to remedy. As costs have gone up and up and procedures have become more and more elaborate, the health of the country has not improved. Generally, the United States cannot rank among the top ten in delivery of health services. For instance, Sweden, which has about the same percentage of doctors, has nearly half the infant mortality many, as one can see by the Dallas doctors who have the recent spread of syphilis and gonorrhea among gay males in the United States. One cause is certainly the incompetence of U.S. medics: "Anorectal chancres have been recognized in 50 percent of primary cases of syphilis in homosexual men in Great Britain, but in only 15 percent of primary cases in the United States" (Ma &

(Armstrong). Many male homosexuals (like myself) more than once faced medics who simply refuse to perform an anal examination.

Certainly the problems of the medical profession are many, as one can see by the Dallas doctors who have united against homosexuality. But the general run of medics represent the ills of competitive capitalism. Hospitals are virulently anti-union; the profession is plagued with greed and careerism; the inappropriate hierarchies between specialists, interns, nurses, aides and other staff hinders effective care; and the mushrooming and expensive tests and drugs have yet to prove themselves in increasing either comfort or lifespan.

Curiously, the spate of books under review represents an unusual effort of the medical profession to understand a disease within the social context of the "patients." Their ethnography, unfortunately, is often embarrassingly clumsy — here I would single out Shelton Landesman's simple-minded remarks about Haiti represented in both Cahill's and Friedman-Kien's anthologies. The medics seem eager to blame us entirely for the disease and they attempt to do this by citing figures about all the other "STD's" — whose number, according to one doctor, has nearly tripled in the last 20 years. The fate of gay men is presently an unhappy one, rather like the rashes of gay murders from time to time: we have to depend on the police or the medics, but there is little in the practice of either group to convince me that they would not rather see us all dead.

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In *Mary Hartman! Mary Hartman!* the corrupt politicians organize a contest to identify the most profitable disease for fundraising purposes. (They were jealous that all the movie stars had already grabbed up the more glamorous diseases.) Rather like Fernwood, publishers have rushed forward with books for the VD/STD sweepstakes: who or what will be the disease(s) to carry the STD/VD myth into our modern times? Let me divide the books into three groups; (I) the definite losers, who went all the way with herpes; (II) the wiser ones who are hedging their bets and trying to cover all the diseases; (III) those who put all their money on one disease, AIDS.

On Boston's Fenway last summer, a woman shouted from a gaudy van, "You're gonna get herpes!" Like her, the four herpes books under review have a primarily heterosexual orientation. The British contribution, Dr. J.K. Oates, *Herpes: the Facts* (Penguin, 1983), is sensible in opposing the mediafication of herpes. Neither new nor life-threatening, herpes was identified by Hippocrates and described in 1736 with note of its effect on homosexual men. D. Oates' book easily ranks before Joan and David Perlow, *Herpes, Coping with the New Epidemic* (Prentice-Hall, 1983) because herpes is neither new nor an epidemic. Raymond P. Kennedy, *Herpes, How to Live with it, How to Treat it, How NOT to Treat it, (Including Color Photographs), An Easy to Read Encyclopedic Summary in Simple Terms of All you Should Know About Herpes* (Santa Barbara, 1983), is relatively brief and better reading than the supposedly "Completely Revised & Up-To-Date" reprint of Dr. Richard Hamilton's 1981 book in a 1983 Bantam mass market edition entitled, *The Herpes Book, Proven Prevention & Helpful Treatments*.

The second group of books covers more diseases — three of them for both homosexual and heterosexual activists; three of them for gay males. The three in the broad-market group have their various gimmicks, which are indicated in their titles: Richard Luiere and Stephani Cook, *Healthy Sex and Keeping it That Way, A Complete Guide to Sexual Infections*; Hans H. Neumann

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GayCommunity News

THE WEEKLY FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MALES



The Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Calendar
Pull
Out

By Warren Blumenfeld

Gathering in Copley Square for the Pride March each June has become a long-awaited ritual. For many it is dress-up time — people in brightly colored costumes, body paint, buttons, glitter and rhinestones, black leather and chains. Others come wearing hardly anything at all. And for all the thousands of people it seems that there's an equal number of banners and posters flying this day, truly attesting to the enormous diversity within our community.

As more and more people assemble, the energy reaches a fever pitch. Balloons are released into the air, vendors sell their wares, friends meet. For many, this is a reunion day connecting those who mean to join during the year but somehow never seem to set aside the time.

Then, just as the crowd gets itchy to start, bullhorns blare out the command to begin. Lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, allies all position themselves behind banners of their choice and the flood begins pouring down the maze of streets that is Boston's Back Bay and Beacon Hill. Along the way participants sing and chant, hug and join hands, celebrate being who they are. The welcoming bells of the Arlington Street Church beckon. Car horns honk out sounds of support. Bewildered bystanders take pictures to show the folks back home.

More times than not the weather too is in a joyous mood, though on occasion a drop or two falls from the sky. However, in a symbolic sense it never really rains on the parade because the day is truly ours.

Marking its fourteenth year, the Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations are set aside annually during the latter part of June to commemorate the 1969 New York Stonewall riots, which signaled the beginning of a new global wave in the tide of gay liberation. Each year Pride Week activities, including a march

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and gathering on the Common, have been orchestrated by a group of dedicated volunteers comprising the Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (BLGPC).

"We have some repeat members from previous Pride Committees and some new members who all come together to plan one big event of the year," says Marsha Levine, a five-year member and 1984 BLGPC president.

The work of this year's Committee began barely after the events of last June turned into

memory. For BLGPC, the year started last September when a four-member executive board was elected by the previous Committee to coordinate activities for the upcoming Pride season. By December the work of the full Committee was in full swing with regularly scheduled meetings where jobs were doled out. Traditionally, there is a large turnover in the makeup of the Committee from year to year and the 1984 group included approximately 12 core members.

People join for a number of reasons, but the major factor which stands out is that the Committee affords its members a safe and non-competitive environment where they can take an active role in affirming their pride.

Greg Dorian, first-year member and newly elected BLGPC vice president, joined the Committee for a special reason. "Pride day for me is like Christmas or Hannukah — a holiday when we celebrate Stonewall, which is an important part of our heritage. The Committee gives me a chance to take a part in that."

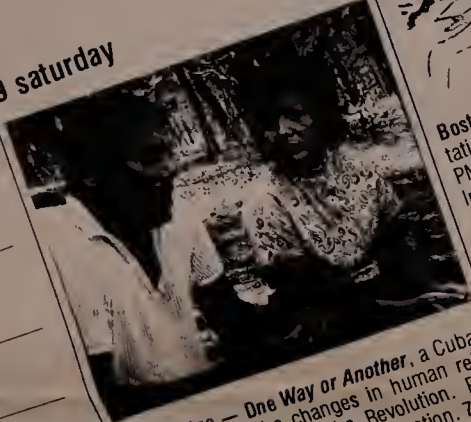
As BLGPC composition has evolved and developed, Committee members see too a change in the needs and concerns of the community. For this reason, they made a decision this year to alter the format of the gathering

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June 9
to
June 30

9 saturday



Cambridge — *One Way or Another*, a Cuban film depicting the changes in human relations brought on by the Revolution. Presented by Angry Arts. \$2.50 donation. 7:30 PM. Bromfield Gallery, 36 Newbury St. Info: 262-7782.

Boston — *An Evening of Peace and Solidarity for Nicaragua*. Presentations by Consuelo Ortiga and Ramon Brenes of Nicaraguan health workers union, film *Report from the Front*, dancing, refreshments. \$5 donation. Sponsored by Central American Solidarity Association, Boston America, New England Rights in Central America Network. 8:00 PM. United Labor Unions Hall, 169 Mass. Ave. Info: 492-4169.

Boston — Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association presents Spring Thing, including live auction, flea market, prizes, pony rides, good food and much more! Worcester Square Park between Washington St. and Harrison Ave. adjacent to Boston City Hospital. (rain date Sunday, June 10th). 5:42-0144.

10 sunday

Cambridge — Lesbian and Gay Folkdancing, 4 to 6:30 PM. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. Info: Read, 423-0942.

Jamaica Plain — Lesbian & Gay Neighbors Outdoor picnic at Jamaica Pond. Bring food and beverage to share. 3:00 PM. Info, directions: Liz, 522-3894 or Jerry, 524-7044.

Cambridge — Black and White Men Together meets to discuss position paper on South African Apartheid. 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard.

11 monday

Boston — GCN's monthly membership meeting. 6:30 PM. GCN office, 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor.

12 tuesday

Cambridge — Coming Out: Your Choice — bring a topic. Discussion 8 PM. All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass. Ave., Old Cambridge Baptist Church. Info: 661-3633. \$1 donation.

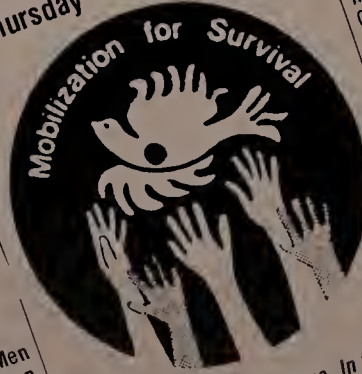
13 wednesday

Boston — Panel discussion on Gay Rites: Dn Being Gay and Religious or Spiritual. 7:30 PM. Mass College of Art, 621 Huntington Ave.

Cambridge — Our Roots, Part II, is the topic for the Jewish Women's Discussion Group. 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant Street. Info: 354-8807.

Boston — Spring at Glad Day Friday night reading series. *Fag Rag/Bad Attitude*: putting sex back into gay liberation. Notorious sex radicals of *Fag Rag* and *Bad Attitude*, a new lesbian sex magazine, join to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Stonewall with a reading from their special joint issue. \$2. 8 PM. Glad Day Bookshop, 43 Winter St., across from Park St. T station. Info: 542-0144.

14 thursday



Cambridge — *In Our Defense, In the Minds of Men and No Place to Hide*, films in a series on the effects of nuclear war sponsored by Cambridge YWCA and Boston Mobilization for Survival. \$3.00. 8:00 PM. Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Info: 354-0008.

Boston — Legal Issues of Lesbian Parenting. Two lesbian lawyers speak and answer questions. Sponsored by Lesbians Choosing Children Network. 7:30 PM. Room 307, Kennedy Building, 625 Huntington Ave. Info: 232-2108.

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15 friday

Boston — The Gay and Lesbian Art Show Part II. Reception 5 to 8 PM. Basement Gallery, 35 Kingston St. Info: Scott Bruce, 574-9200.

Boston — Party to your health sponsored by Fenway Community Health Center. 8 to 12 midnight. International Institute of Boston, 287 Comm. Ave. Info: Mark Perigard, 267-7573.

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Boston — The Boston Gay Men's Chorus third annual Gay Pride Concert, Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory of Music (corner of Gainsborough and Huntington Ave., across from Symphony Hall). \$10, \$8, \$6 at Jordan Hall Box Office, Boston Postmark, Glad Day Bookstore, and Somewhere/Else. Info: 482-6983.

16 saturday

Boston — Boston Lesbian and Gay Pride March and Festival, coordinated by the Pride Committee. Assemble 11 AM in Copley Square. See you all there!

Boston — Greater Boston Lesbian/Gay Interfaith Coalition Interfaith Service. 10 AM. Arlington Street Church, corner Boylston and Arlington Streets.

Ashland — Tri-County Association social meeting. Bob's house, 62 Pond St. BYOB. Coffee for those who choose not to drink. Info: 879-7527.

Cambridge — Dance to Celebrate Gay Pride sponsored by Amethyst Women. Cambridge drug- and alcohol-free event. YWCA, 9 to 1 AM. 7 Temple St. Women only.

17 sunday

Waltham — Newton area Gays and Lesbians 3rd meeting. All are welcome. 4 to 5:30 PM. 95 Adams St., Apt. 16. Info: Mark, 893-8717.

18 monday

Provincetown — Lesbian Whale Watch to benefit *Womanite*, the lesbian magazine of P'town. Leave from MacMillan Wharf at 9 AM. Advance tickets \$15 women, \$10 children, at Womancrafts, 373 Commercial St. or by mail, P.O. Box 190, P'town, MA 02657. Info: 487-2501.

20 wednesday

Boston — Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists meet at 7:30 PM. Huntington Ave. steps of the Museum of Fine Arts. \$4 admission includes exhibit of oriental art. Visitors welcome. Info: 288-3228.

21 thursday

Cambridge — Kay Gardner benefit concert for the Madsen Legal Fund, Paine Hall, Harvard University. 8 PM. \$7 to \$10, tickets at Bodyworks or Glad Day.

Cambridge — *The Last Epidemic*, military and medical experts discuss the effects of nuclear war. *War Without Winners II*, interviews with political figures like Caspar Weinberger, leading American and Soviet Physicians, and ordinary citizens of the US and USSR. \$3. Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St. Central Square at 8 PM. Info: 354-0009.

Cambridge — Drop-in discussion group for women with incest histories. Topic: Support. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., free childcare. Sponsored by Incest Resources. Info: 492-1818.

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22 friday

Boston — Music for recorder and harpsichord to benefit AIDS Action Committee. 8 PM. Cage Gallery, 557 Tremont St. \$6. James Ryder, recorder, David Hyde, harpsichord. Info: 262-1385.

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22 friday

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Cambridge — *Hollandia '45*, a play by Sarah Dreher. Powerful statements about aging, choices, love, respect and family. 8 PM. First Church in Cambridge, Congregational. 11 Garden St. Tickets \$5/\$6 in advance at New Words Bookstore, Glad Day, Red Bookstore. \$7 at the door.

26 tuesday

Brookline — *The Soldiers' Resistance Movement in Israel*. Yaacov Shein, of the Israeli soldiers' peace group Yesh Gvul will speak at the Workmen's Circle, 1762 Beacon St. 7:30 PM. \$3.00. Sponsored by the Boston Alliance Against Registration and the Draft. Info: 354-0008.

28 thursday

Boston — Citywide Lesbian and Gay Constituency of the Rainbow Coalition meeting to discuss ongoing anti-racist work, work in the Rainbow around U.S. out of Central America and the Central American Referendum Campaign, plans for a party. 7:30 PM. Info, location: 364-5938 or David, 522-0605.

29 friday

Cambridge — Summer Dance sponsored by Gays at MIT. MIT Student Center, 84 Mass. Ave., 9 PM to 1 AM. Beer and Wine available. \$3, \$2 with student ID. College students and their guests welcome. Info: 253-5440.

30 saturday

Northampton — Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance Summer Fling Fundraiser. All-day fun, all-you-can-eat clam bake (hamburgers, too), men's and women's softball, swimming, evening disco. \$7 before June 20, \$10 after, including food. 2 PM to 1 AM. Send check payable to PYPGA, Box 181, Northampton, MA 01060 or call (413) 584-7903.

Boston — Yard Sale to benefit New England Human Rights Network. 10 AM to 4 PM. Harvard Epworth Church, Mass. Ave., Harvard Square. Info: 661-6130.

The GCN weekly calendar includes events in the Boston area of interest to the lesbian and gay community. We try not to leave anything out but remember, we depend on you to keep us informed. Let us know as early as possible what your group is planning.

The deadline is Friday noon for the following issue. Just send the information to GCN Calendar, 167 Tremont Street, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

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Pictured here are some of the performers who will be in Boston for this year's Pride celebration. Don't miss them!

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which follows the march. Rather than holding a traditional rally, there will be what Committee coordinators are calling a "transitional festival," which will include a rally with a stage, speakers and entertainment, but will have the added feature of an enclosed area with a "Cafe on the Common" where participants can purchase refreshments and dine in the open air, information tables, games, and booths set up by local businesses and organizations.

In keeping with the festive nature of the event, there is also on the schedule a live camel strolling through the crowd presented by the Oasis Guest House and a hot-air balloon five stories in height which will provide rides for the adventurous.

Levine defines the format change as being one that was "natural," having its basis in the heightened sense of political sophistication and maturity for those working for sexual liberation. "This cultural extravaganza provides a greater level of politicization," she said and added, "We will be out in the open showing the rest of society our pride, unity and political clout."

The change in the range and scope of Pride activities is not unique to Boston, but rather there appears to be a simultaneous evolution occurring nationally. One possible factor bringing this about could be the newly established National Pride Coordinators (NPC) meeting which has convened twice over the past two years. It pulls together representatives from a number of Pride Committees to exchange information and network ideas and to end what Levine calls "rivalry between the east and west coasts over who has the biggest crowds and who spends the most money."

The first NPC meeting was held in 1982 at Boston's Hill House on Beacon Hill. In attendance were representatives from the Pride Committees from six cities, including Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Diego and San Francisco

At the October 1983 meeting held in San Diego, representation increased to include delegates from 18 cities and smaller towns such as Albuquerque, Wichita, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Houston, Baltimore, St. Louis and Portland, Oregon. At this meeting the joint theme of "Unity and More in '84" was agreed upon for this year's Pride celebrations nationally to demonstrate to the

country and to the media, according to Levine, that "we are one people and one nation and we are everywhere."

Also decided upon was a proposal to have future NPC meetings follow a rotating schedule, going from the East Coast to the West Coast to the Midwest. The next meeting is slated for Wichita, Kansas this October.

The job of coordinating Pride events in any city is often a long and difficult undertaking; however, BLGPC members have been encouraged by the support they have received from Boston's city government. Levine said the Flynn administration has been very responsive by granting all permits within four days of request and by continuing to appropriate a small grant through its Office of Public Celebrations.

Regarding local straight media coverage of Pride Week events, Levine said that there have been subtle improvements through the years. Film footage appears to be getting better, terminology used in the news stories is at times a bit more sophisticated and media estimates of the size of the crowd seem to be more accurate. She emphasizes, however, "The media still can be doing better than they are. Occasionally you will still hear them use the term 'avowed homosexuals' when they cover the events. Last year they seemed interested in focusing only on AIDS and appeared to ignore the scenes of unity exhibited at the march."

Unity and agreement surrounding its events are certainly major goals of any Pride Committee but, as with most organizations, controversies do tend to arise. This year many community members like the idea of having a festival on Boston Common, but some seem to bristle at the idea of being asked to donate \$1.00 to attend.

Levine answers such criticism: "Where does the community think our operating budget of over \$35,000 comes from? We get some money through the bars and other businesses and from fund-raisers, but it certainly isn't enough."

BLGPC Vice President Dorian echoes these sentiments. "I get upset with the criticism," he said. "People complain but they don't get involved."

Levine said the budget covers such expenses as overhead and printing costs and new to this year is insurance to protect participants against personal injury and to protect organizations and businesses associated with the festival against the possibility of bad weather. Any remaining funds are slated to go into a

"payback program" which will give money to those community groups which send volunteers to work during the festival in essential positions.

Associated with coordinating the march and festival, BLGPC has taken on other functions. Some area residents may remember the Lavender Rhinoceros campaign of the mid-1970s, which was designed to educate the public to the realities of gay men and lesbians. Well, for all you animal lovers, the Pride Committee has recently breathed new life into this colorful creature by letting it out of its cage and placing it on buttons and T-shirts for all to purchase and take home. To show its gratitude, in the place where it once sported a red heart, the rhino now proudly displays a pink triangle.

As an aid in sorting out all of the goings-on during Pride Week, BLGPC has developed a 40-page booklet which will be given out free of charge during the march. It contains a calendar section listing all the week's events plus feature articles discussing a lesbian's recollections of Stonewall 15 years later, AIDS from a sufferer's point of view, and a discussion of the rhino campaign.

Looking back on the past year with pleasant memories, Dorian sums up the feelings of the Committee: "The experience was a good one for all of us. It gave us the opportunity to work with a new group of people, where lesbians and gays could interact comfortably together."

He hopes that in the future Pride events, such as dances and other community activities, will occur throughout the year rather than simply during June. He also proposes that Boston follow the lead of some other cities in providing a paid staff position to coordinate Pride Committee activities.

Committee members encourage people to get involved either by becoming active in the organization or by helping on the day of the march and festival. There are lots of jobs yet to be filled and also, as BLGPC President Levine emphasizes, "The Pride Committee is always in need of additional funding and donations will be greatly appreciated."

People will start gathering at 11:00AM on Saturday, June 16 in Copley Square and the parade is scheduled to begin at noon. This will be followed by the festival, to be held on the baseball field on the Common. The event will be interpreted for people with hearing disabilities.

Come and show your pride!

Calendar weekly events sunday

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) drop-in center for youth 22 and under from 3:30-5pm at Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282. Please send all BAGLY mail to: *GCN*, Box 10GY, 167 Tremont St., Boston 02111. See Wed. listings for rap meeting.

Boston, MA — A support group including deaf and differently abled women. Free brunch. Captioned movies, entertainment and interpreters. Every third Sunday at Somewhere Else, 295 Franklin St. Info: (617)423-7730.
Cambridge, MA — Gay Volleyball. 6:30 to 7:30PM, warm-up and drills. 7:30 to 9:30PM, play. Various levels. Info/location: Jay 262-4896 or Harry 536-4540.

Burlington, VT — Gay Volleyball. 5:30 to 7:30PM. Info:(802) 482-352B or (802) 862-4019.

Boston, MA — Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England. 2nd Sundays. 2pm. Info: (617) 482-6B74 or 247-5495.

Boston, MA — "Boston's Other Voice." WROR, 9B.5 FM. 11:30pm.

Boston, MA — "Musically speaking." Women's music, ideas, announcements. WMBR, BB.1 FM. 1-3pm.

West of Boston, MA — West of Boston Lesbians. Social events on Sunday afternoons. twice a month. New members welcome. Info: Amy 486-8B48.

Cambridge, MA — Black and White Men Together at Boston 2nd Sunday of each month. Info: Tom 536-3392 or Dick 247-3043.

Cambridge, MA — Overeaters Anonymous, lesbian meeting. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.) 7:30pm. DOB office

Orleans, MA — Shoreline, a social group alternative to the bars on Cape Cod, meets 2nd Sundays. Info: Box 1614, Orleans 02653

Concord, NH — Concord Area Gay Youth Support group for youth 16-22. Rap session and social time. Info: Ron 225-5622.

Keene, NH — Potlucks and other fun get-togethers for lesbians. 1st Sundays (2pm) and 3rd Tuesdays or Wednesdays (6pm) Info: Keene Klondykes, Box 261, Gilsum 0344B

Central, VT — Central Vermont Gay Men (CVGM) meets 1st Sunday of the month for socializing, business and a meal. Info: Box 42, Barre 05641.

Northern VT/NH — League of Gays (LOGS) meets 3rd Sundays. Info: (802) 626-361B or write: Box 703, St. Johnsbury 05819

Orono, ME — Wilde-Stern Club. Social/ support group for lesbians and gay men. Informal, friendly and open meetings. Peabody Lounge. 3rd fl., Memorial Union. UMO, 7pm.

Augusta, ME — Interweave, a support/social/political group for gay men and lesbians. Meets last Sundays of the month. Potluck 6:30PM, program follows. All Souls Unitarian, 11 King St.

Bennington, VT — Lesbian/Gay Christians meet for interdenominational bible study, prayer and discussion. Info: 588-6564

Gardner, MA — New Direction. St. Michael's Outreach Service. 10AM. Office hours 7-9AM and 4-10PM. Info: (617)536-7005

Aroostook County, ME — Northern Lambda Nord, Northern Maine and New Brunswick support group, holds business meeting and potluck on the last Sun. each month. Info: NLN, Box 990, Caribou 04736. Gay Phoneline: (207)896-588B.

Boston, MA — The Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, with a special ministry to the lesbian and gay community, meets at 7pm in the Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Info:523-7664.

New Haven, CT — Gay Fathers of New Haven meets biweekly on Sundays at 7pm. Info: PO Box 5041, New Haven CT 06520.

monday

Boston, MA — "The Woman's Talk Show" WRBB, 104.9 FM 6-7PM. Music, information, interviews.

Waltham, MA — Triskelion, the Brandeis Gay/Lesbian Coalition. General discussion group at 9pm. Usdan Student Ctr. Conf. Room C. Info: 647-4353, or Box 2792, Brandeis U., Waltham 02254.

Nashua, NH — Nashua Area Gays meet at 8pm. Info: Tony 424-3252, or write: Nashua Area Gays, Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: PO Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.

Storrs, CT — Eastern Conn. Christian Gay/Lesbian Concerned meets at Waggoner Chapel of Storrs Cong. Church on UConn campus. Info:742-3030 and B72-6531. Meets 2nd and 4th Mons. at 7pm.

tuesday

Boston, MA — Urania: lesbian and bisexual women's S/M support group meets every first Tuesday of the month. Safe, non-competitive space for women of all levels of experience to share political and personal aspects of sexuality. 7:30pm. Info: Betsy (617) 731-4230 or Brianna (617) 623-013B. Mailing address: Box 23, 89 Mass. Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.) Bpm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 661-3633.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian S/M support group every week. 7:30pm. Info: 776-7957. Open to lesbians supportive of or into S/M

Cambridge, MA — Boston chapter, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1st Tuesday of the month at First Parish Unitarian Church, 630 Mass Ave., Arlington Ctr.

Pittsfield, MA — Berkshire County Gay Coalition meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Info: (413) 442-7772.

Brattleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Lesbian and Gay Men's Coalition meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Common Ground Restaurant, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

Manchester, NH — Manchester Men's Group. Weekly support group for gay and bisexual men. 7:30pm for coffee and discussion. Info: Jack 669-0096

Portland, ME — Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at First Parish, Unitarian, 425 Congress St. 8pm. Open to all.

Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm. 1st Tuesdays. Info: 249-7691

New London, CT — New London People's Forum. Support group for gay men and lesbians. Info: 536-3095 (4-9pm)

Boston, MA — Nat. Ass. of Social Workers, Gay and Lesbian Task Force meets 1st Mons at 8PM. Info: Lorie 436-7521 or Carrie 482-0557

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian coming out discussion group. 2nd Mon. 8PM. All women welcome. Daughters of Bilitis. 1151 Mass Ave. Info:661-3663.

Portsmouth, NH — STO Clinic for men and women of all sexual orientations. NH Feminist Ctr., 232 Court St. (603) 436-758B. \$15 basic fee.

wednesday

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). New persons' meeting 6:30pm; general meeting and group discussion 7-9pm. For youth 22 and under. Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin St. (Beacon Hill) Info: 497-8282.

Boston, MA — Boston Gay Men's Chorus meets every week from 7-10pm at the YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. (Copley Sq.) Info: 522-6983.

Boston, MA — Fathers in Transition, a group of gay/bi fathers meeting for friendship and support. Info: Exodus Ctr. 266-0612, or write: Fathers in Transition, c/o GCN, Box 6, 167 Tremont St., Boston 02111.

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA). 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: LAGMA, c/o GCN, 167 Tremont St. Boston 02111.

Boston, MA — Lunchtime for lesbians. Isolated during the workday downtown? Interested in a lunchtime hangout/discussion group? Come to 600 Washington St. room 219. Noon. Info: 542-518B.

Boston, MA — Medical Area Dykes meets for lunch. Noon to 1. Kresge Cafeteria, Harvard School of Public Health. Info: Katy 732-1090 ext 41.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Associated Engineers and Scientists (LAGAES). Info:28B-322B.

Boston, MA — Project Place orientation. Every Wed. 6:30pm, 32 Rutland Place (So End). Info: 262-3740.

Boston, MA — Lunchtime for Lesbians. Hangout/discussion group. Come to 600 Washington St. Rm 219, Noon. Info:542-518B.

Cambridge, MA — Boston National Organization for Women (NOW) Lesbian Rights Task Force meets 4th Wednesdays at 99 Bishop Allen Dr. (Central Sq.) Plan lobbying, public education and consciousness raising. Info: 661-6015.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis 35+ women's discussion and social group. 7:30pm. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harvard Sq.) Bpm. 2nd Wednesday and last Friday of each month.

Bridgewater, MA — South Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Info: 584-4997.

Hampden County, MA — Social/support group for lesbians. 8pm. Info: Debbie 532-587B or Julie 532-4959.

Hyannis, MA — Lesbian Support Group meets 1st Wednesday of every month. 7:30pm. New members welcome. Orientation, social meetings. Warren Women's Center, 29B Main St. Info: 771-6739.

Nashua, NH — Greater Nashua Area of NH Lambda sponsors speakers and/or raps on 2nd Wednesdays and 4th Thursdays. 7:30pm. Business meets on 1st Saturdays. Info: (603) 889-1416.

Hartford, CT — Lesbian AA meeting. Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 8pm. Info: 247-8797.

thursday

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Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Ctr., 46 Pleasant St. (Central Sq.) Info: 354-8807.

Cambridge, MA — Younger Lesbian Support Group. All women 22 and under welcome. 4th Thurs. Daughters of Bilitis, 1151 Mass Ave. Info:661-3663.

Allston, MA — Local group forming to discuss issues of feminism and non-violence. Meets 1st and 3rd Thurs. Allston-Brighton Women for Peace and Justice. Info:254-2272.

Northampton, MA — Pioneer Valley People's Gay Alliance meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 584-7903 or write PO Box 1B1, Northampton 01061.

Hartford, CT — Gay Al-Anon meeting for lesbians and gay men at Trinity Church Parish House, Farmington Ave. 7:30pm. Info: 247-8797.

Kingston, RI — U. of Rhode Island Gay Task Force meets at Women's Center, URI Campus. 6:30pm.

friday

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Burlington, VT — Integrity (Gay Episcopalians and their friends) meets 1st and 3rd Sat. St. Paul's Cathedral. 7:55pm. Info: Bruce B64-719B.

Burlington, VT — Vermonters for Lesbian & Gay Rights meets at Pearl's Restaurant (upstairs). 1st and 3rd Sat 6-7:30. Info: VLGR, Box 126, Burl 05402

Warning: These Books May Do Your Health

(with Sylvia Simmons), *Dr. Neumann's Guide to the New Sexually Transmitted Diseases*; and Allan Chase, *The Truth About STD*. I would single out the Chase book as unquestionably the worst among all the books under review here; his *Truth* displays not only homophobia but also general panic about sexuality itself. The Dr. Neumann book tries to be folksy. A ghost-written potboiler, *Newmann's Guide* warns that cortisone may be the cause of AIDS. *Healthy Sex* intends to be upbeat with a little something for everyone — an important marketing strategy — but can often be tedious.

The three books targeted exclusively for the gay male market make glum reading. If I had only these three books to guide me, I would be horrified by any form of homosexuality. I have ranked the Gay Men's Health Project's *Health and Venereal Disease Guide for Gay Men* first among the STD books, but not with any enthusiasm; the book reeks of an anal retentive hatred of all parts of the body. The *Advocate* guide has the advantage of being a second edition but the disadvantage of its rigorous propagation of the upwardly mobile lifestyle; the vanilla-sex tone to the book will be attractive to some readers and tedious to others. Jeanne Kassler's *Gay Men's Health* has the appearance of having been written as a general guide but with a quick chapter on AIDS (35 pages) added at the beginning in order to capture the market.

Finally, there are the books on AIDS. As the number of full-length books nears (if it hasn't already exceeded) a dozen, the first question to ask is Why so many books? Greed explains much of the publishers' and authors' rush into print. Their publications resemble the fad-diet books in several respects. For one thing they sell well; everyone wants to be thin or to avoid AIDS. Like weight control, AIDS control presently seems to be beyond the capacities of the medical profession. And there is a lot of rumor and half-truth circulating about AIDS much as there is with fad diets — e.g. the grapefruit diet or zinc cure. The most notable health-lic underling the fad-diet industry is the false reasoning (based on incorrectly collected and interpreted statistics) that "fat" causes disease. Persons with diabetes or heart disease may become fat, but being fat does not itself either signal or bring on disease. Similar statistical necromancy underlies the AIDS books; they attempt to define "promiscuity," like "fat," as a health hazard.

These books fall into two categories: popular and technical. Among the popular books, the Bantam *AIDS Fact Book* by Ken Mayer and Hank Pizer is outstanding: brief, concise, sensible and easily readable by anyone with a high-school education. Two books written by openly gay men have merits but lack the good sense of the Mayer-Pizer book. *How to Have Sex in an Epidemic: One Approach* contains a lot of plain down-to-earth talk about sex, drugs, hustling and the baths; unfortunately it is heavily biased toward "the multifactorial theory," which places a central role on sperm and the cytomegalovirus (CMV). A second edition of this work would be welcome. Thomas Alan Berg's *A Way to Survive the AIDS Epidemic Based on the Metaphysical Teachings of the Ancient Masters* will probably do less harm than any other of the AIDS-STD readings. Berg maintains, quite properly I think, that "We don't have to give up our nonconformist sex lives by becoming monogamous or even celibate in order to be healthy" (p. 42). Doubtless his good-vibrations readings from Buddha, Christ, Krishna and Arjuna will fortify some against the disease, but once the disease hits — much like a broken leg — good thoughts are often insufficient to repair the damage.

Ann Giudici Fetter and Willian A. Check, *The Truth About AIDS, Evolution of an Epidemic* (Holt, Rinehart Winston, 1984) contains more gossip than

truth: the authors dedicate the book to their children much like the doctors who dedicate their work "to our patients." (Of course, children/parents is similar to patients/doctors.) The Fettner-Check is a *New Yorker*-style work which traces the investigation from the viewpoint of medics. *The Truth* reads a bit like a soap-opera at times — quite entertaining but often confusing. To give a taste of their method: Dr. Dan Williams told them that June 27, 1969 was "a warm summer night" when Stonewall "a popular gay disco" was raided. "The raid set off riots that eventuated in a huge parade up Fifth Avenue." (p.226) The authors admit to "much guesswork and speculation" (p.240), as they conclude with the question: "If sexuality has been a statement of gay freedom, and that statement has turned out to be a death sentence, how will gays redirect their energies?" (p.243)

Among the worst popular AIDS books, I would include Frederick P. and Marta Siegal's *AIDS: The Medical Mystery*, in which they argue that closing the baths is a solution. The Siegals reprint 50 pages of copyright-free reports from the CDC *Mortality and Morbidity Weekly Review*. They seem to think the forward by Dr. Jonas Salk should help sell their work, but readers might be reminded that Salk came up with the wrong solution for polio; the Russians went with the correct solution, the Sabin vaccine. The Margot Joan Fromer (*AIDS*) and Janet Baker (*AIDS, Everything you Must Know*) books have little to recommend them to the reader. The Fromer book contains more information and is better written than the Baker book; consequently I would rank the Baker book slightly worse than Fromer. For U.S. readers, I would rank last Richard B. Fisher, *AIDS, Your Questions Answered* (Gay Men's Press, 1984) because this book is directed primarily toward London. Moreover, the Fisher book contains

more panic than solid information. His patronizing attitude toward those who are not monogamous lacks compassion: "Only the man you love who is under your eye more or less continuously can offer you health insurance."

A second group of AIDS books includes the more technical and also the more expensive. Two of these books are reprints of presentations at two important symposia: Kevin Cahill, *The AIDS Epidemic* grew out of a Lenox Hill Hospital conference in April 1983, and Alvin E. Friedman-Kien and Linda J. Laubenstein, *AIDS, The Epidemic of Kaposi's Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infections* is based on a symposium held at the NYU Medical Center in March 1983. The latter has a December 1983 update by New York *Native* columnist James E. E'Erano, who praises the book highly in his paper; the Cahill book was hurried to press much sooner and contains some more popular touches (an invocation by the former Cardinal Cooke and speeches from various politicians), but suffers from the rush to publish. Despite their many deficiencies, these two books inevitably include some well-written and thoughtful articles; they also contain much that is obscure and questionable. The Friedman-Kien volume costs \$49.50 — the most expensive book — and is the most thorough among the AIDS books.

The Pearl Ma and Donald Armstrong, *The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and Infections of Homosexual Men*, and the David Ostrow book, *Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Homosexual Men*, both try to link AIDS closely to other diseases like herpes, hepatitis, gonorrhea, syphilis, intestinal parasites, etc. This linkage is in itself questionable and goes with an emphasis on cytomegalovirus (CMV) as a possible cause of AIDS. Neither of these books offers much for the lay reader or for the practicing physician. The Ma-Armstrong book has been advertised in the *Village Voice* and presumably hopes to exploit the up-scale gay market. Those who are followers of Dr. Joseph A. Sonnabend will find his conclusions neatly presented. The David Ostrow book would rank last among the technical works.

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Having reviewed nearly 20 books which touch on gay male health concerns, let me make a few general points about the whole lot. They represent a particularly frightened if not paranoid tendency represented by a climate of fear and distrust expressed in the United States by the growing right-wing attacks on biology, women and sex generally. In *The Authoritarian Personality*, Theodore Adorno and others found that there was among authoritarians, "A strong inclination to punish violators of sex mores (homosexuals, sex offenders) [which] may be an expression of a general punitive attitude based on identification with ingroup authorities, but [which] also suggests that the subject's own sexual desires are suppressed and in danger of getting out of hand." Among homosexuals and among women themselves there has been a notable swing toward the right, away from sexual liberation and toward following authorities — political, ecclesiastical and medical among others.

The very term "syndrome" has become a word of mystery. "Syndrome" comes from the Greek and means "a running together" and thus is designed more for obscurantism or for hiding ignorance than for communicating information. More a part of psycho-babble than science, "syndrome" has been used in various ways: "Vietnam Syndrome," "Pre-Menstrual

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The Homosexual Health Guide book

By The Editors Of QQ Magazine



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How the Boston History Project Began

With this issue GCN begins a series of articles on the history of lesbians and gay men in the Boston area and on how that history is being re-discovered today. We begin the series with an account of the origins of the group whose members are researching our past, the Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project.

By Chris Czernik

The History Project formed because of some coincidental factors, some conscious energy and planning, and the right timing. During the summer of 1979 a workshop on lesbian history and culture was presented at a national women's studies conference. This effort grew out of frustration and

of our work by our own grassroots organizations.

The impact of the presentations and the response of the over 200 participants created excitement, pride and appreciation. It was an event that sparked women to continue founding local groups to research our history. One of the workshop participants who was interested in forming a group met up with a gay male researcher in her local California community who was already working on a project. He was preparing a slideshow about "passing women" — women who passed as men — in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As it turned out, the slideshow researcher knew of another gay activist and teacher in the Boston area and this, combin-

usually isolated individuals were researching and teaching lesbian and gay history, or establishing archives to preserve our materials.

As the '70s drew to a close, however, these people came to know each other, and the large volume of work that had already been done became strikingly apparent. So did the amount of work that had yet to be done. The excitement of discovering our history, of further validating our culture through knowing about our heritage, of realizing the wealth of information that did exist, and of recognizing the immediate necessity to combat the homophobic attitudes that excluded our history helped create a grassroots movement that was long overdue and that gained momentum throughout the country. Although the formal network is no longer intact, the movement goes on today. Some groups have come and gone, but most are continuing with their community work. In addition, a proliferation of material has been published by numerous individuals.

The Boston Area History Project was part of this movement. We first got together in February 1980, a few months after the presentation of the "passing women" slideshow. At that time a meeting was held for people interested in forming a local Lesbian and Gay History Project. Some learned about the meeting through an announcement in *GCN* and others were on a contact list. Within a few weeks, the 12 to 15 people



One of the photographs from the History Project's slide show.

who remained interested in forming a group took on a specific project. The Gay Task Force of Boston's 350 Jubilee Committee heard of us and asked if we could prepare something as part of the city's celebration, to be held during Gay Pride Week. One of our members suggested that focusing on a particular task, in fact, would be an excellent way for us to get to know about each other

and our skills. We agreed and decided that with the \$100 contribution from the Task Force and despite the lack of time (four months), we could put together a short slideshow that sketched lesbian and gay history in the Boston area.

By June, to our amazement we had gathered more information than a slideshow could possibly handle. The first version of *Our*

A Place in the Past

anger that had surfaced the previous year at a women's history conference because of the invisibility of lesbian history. Two members of the History Project were both involved in women's organizations and instrumental in helping design the workshop at the women's studies conference. The workshop was an enormous success. It pulled together a number of women from across the country who were doing significant pioneer work in the area of lesbian history and culture. It also emphasized the need for community-based projects, and control

ed with the other connections already established through the women's conferences, brought the slideshow to Cambridge in the fall of 1979.

To go back still a few years earlier, in the mid-1970s one of the responses to homophobia, particularly in the area of women's history and women's studies in general, was to challenge the exclusion of lesbian and gay history. One way of doing this was to make the existence of our history, however seemingly scarce, known and available. At that time fewer than a dozen,

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The Past

Boston Heritage contained over 300 slides and took a full two and a half hours to present. That and our most recent version cover our history from the colonial period to the present, and geographically range from the North and South Shores to Western Massachusetts.

The conceptual frameworks that were created for the slideshow are historically and theoretically well-integrated and the product is an exciting, cohesive piece of work. Yet while we were working on the show we constantly recognized and continue to recognize those areas that are flat, that are short on information, or about which we had not been able to uncover any material at all.

For example, the slideshow has only bits and pieces about lesbian culture of the 1950s and '60s, and about the predominantly female bars during that period. Also, most of the content of the show is about a white, middle-class population. Despite our awareness and intention, most of the material that was easily accessible to us within that frantic four-month period was written. And, as is usually the case, white and middle-class people are the ones who have the time to write. However, because of recent contacts, more available time in our lives, and renewed energy, we are currently working on two oral history projects with people who are from working-class backgrounds and went to the bars during the '50s and '60s. Our intention is to use some of this information to correct the biases in the slideshow.

Currently, *Our Boston Heritage* is about a one and a half hour presentation. It has been shown in the Boston area several times to gay, straight and mixed audiences in bars, community centers, universities and colleges. Always receiving a warm and enthusiastic response, it has travelled to such far away places as Amsterdam, London, Hawaii and Alaska. We usually have a public showing for our Boston community during Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. This year the slide show will be screened on Wednesday, June 13th at 7:30 at The Commonwealth School, 151 Commonwealth Ave. (at the corner of Commonwealth and Dartmouth St.). If you haven't already seen the show, come to the presentation.

The makeup of our group is diverse and our skills vary from individual to individual, truly complementing each other. These are group characteristics we hoped for and have been able to attain. Our age range is from the early 20s to the mid-50s. We are from poor, working-class and middle-class backgrounds, and come from old gay, contemporary gay-rights and feminist movement cultures. Unfortunately, we are an all-white group. Our politics vary, as do our training and work backgrounds, including the work for which we are currently paid. We are not all trained historians, and don't view that training as a criterion for membership in the group. One of us is an insurance underwriter, another a student, there is a printer, a housecleaner, a few are secretaries, teachers, and trained historians. Others have skills in photography and media production.

The skills that the trained historians bring and share with other group members are in no way to be underestimated. They are very useful, but clearly no more so than some of the other skills brought by members who aren't trained historians. The freshness of some individuals, or their lack of ingrained restrictions caused by training in the field of history, have provided the invaluable balance in our group. For example, often times the insight and analytical perspective of a few of our members who are part of the "old gay culture" are

more useful than any training a history program could provide. This exchange, or integration of skills and orientations pushes all of us to truly listen to each other, to think more provocatively, to approach our research more creatively, and to conceptualize our history more honestly and accurately. It is one of the most exciting dynamics of our group, enabling us to stretch our capabilities and view our history with some degree of broad-mindedness.

This exchange or compatibility is probably one of the most significant characteristics responsible for the completion of the slideshow. When we began researching and producing the show, none of us had a head start on Boston area lesbian and gay history, or Boston history in general. We pretty much all started at the same place: the beginning. The initial phase involved gaining historical background knowledge by listening to what each other had to say and doing a tremendous amount of reading. The readings included both secondary and primary sources. Secondary sources include books and articles, while primary sources are the nuts and bolts of what secondary sources are made of: letters, diaries, journals, birth/death/marriage certificates, newspaper articles, census records, maps, photographs, oral history interviews, and so on. We then followed up on leads we came across in our readings or heard about from people who were and weren't in the group. Frequently we passed on information to other members of the group who were researching particular topics. It was this sharing of both skills and knowledge, including those in the technical/media area, that created a successful slideshow.

It's hard to believe that it's almost four years later and that our original group is still pretty much intact. We continue presenting the slideshow, and while we haven't produced any other projects, we do have a number of current works in progress. One is reading pulp novels and learning more about gay life during the '50s and '60s; another is paring down and revising the slideshow to a 45-minute presentation; and two others are conducting oral history projects that focus on working-class gay life and bar culture in the 1950s and '60s in Lynn and Lowell.

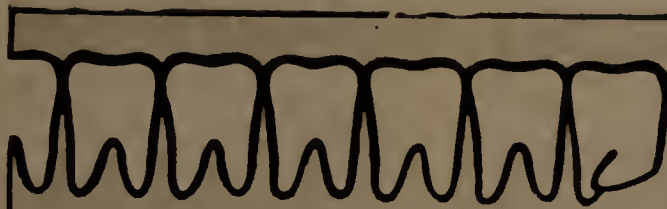
Finally, we are writing this series of six or seven articles for *GCN*, of which this is the first and serves as an introduction to our group. Future articles will cover: the life of Charlotte Cushman; information about a particular segment of our gay community by tracing, to the present, the life of a person who was at a party that was raided in 1952; ways to follow up leads in researching lesbian and gay history; a description of the oral history project focused on Fran's Place in Lynn; and gay porno since the 1950s. We hope you'll enjoy the series.

Would You Like to Help Us?

The Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project is always open to new members, or to stories, pictures, leads, etc. from people who are not interested in joining the group, but who have information to share. Rest assured that your confidentiality will be protected if that is important to you.

At this time we are particularly interested in talking with people who have information, personal experiences, or photographs to share about the following topics: 1) Military folks from Fort Rodman, or the Coast Guard stations in Salem and Nahant who congregated at The Lighthouse. 2) Lesbians of color in Boston from

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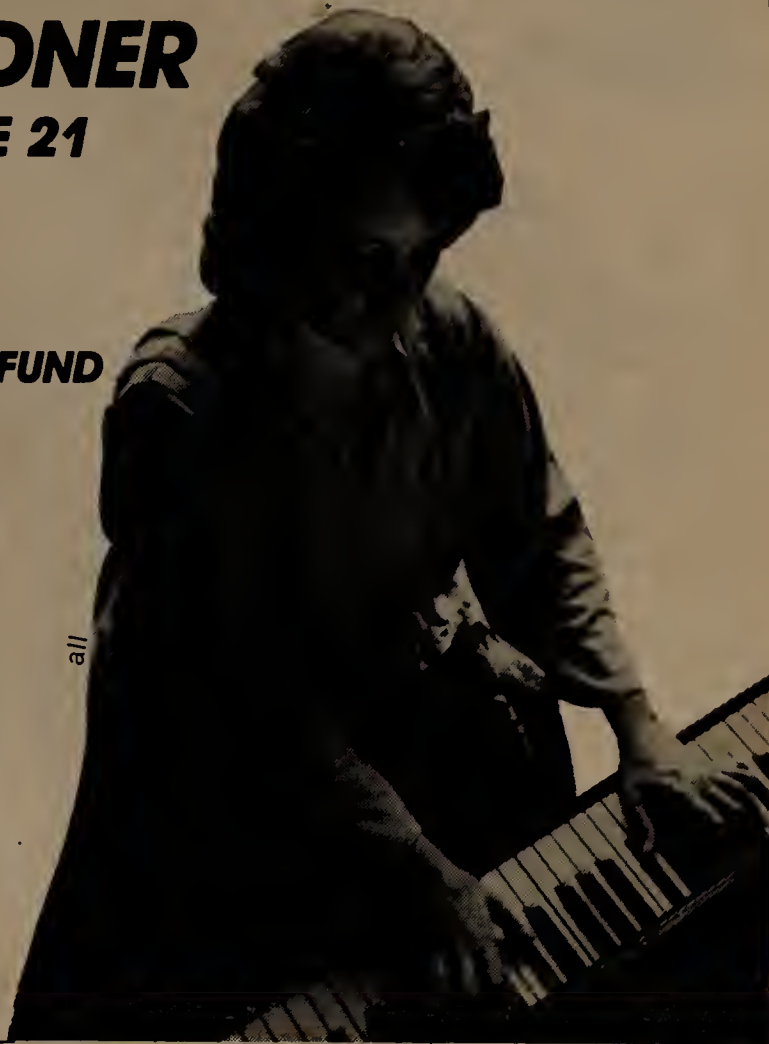
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Syndrome," "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," "Toxic Shock Syndrome," and other catchy phrases. In an instructive strategy, George Valliant in *The Natural History of Alcoholism* (1983) responds to critics who claim "alcoholism" is not a disease but simply a bad habit, by maintaining "that the concept of 'alcoholism' defines a unitary syndrome" (p.34). Mitzel very early identified AIDS as "the disease straights most like to talk about."

In the case of AIDS, the term "syndrome" allows authors to intermingle medical and behavioural information in order to both define and condemn gay men. Thus in Joseph Sonnabend *et. al.*, "Promiscuity" appears in his charts along with Epstein-Barr cytomegalavirus, and T-cell disorders. The concentration on "syndrome" and "promiscuity" helps to explain why the medics in the U.S. were so slow to accept the published accounts in April 1983 (*Science*) that doctors at the Louis Pasteur Institute had identified a new retrovirus, lymphadenopathy-associated virus (LAV). Except for Berg, the books being reviewed are seriously flawed by their nearly total underestimating of this discovery. I wonder whether epidemiologists have paid as much attention to the cats of households with AIDS as they have to their sexual habits. The feline leukemia virus is of the same family of viruses as LAV.

The medics tend to compare "AIDS" with hepatitis and/or herpes. The career of the lymphadenopathy-associated virus (called in the U.S. helper-T-cell-leukemia virus, HTLV-3) seems more comparable to diabetes, in which the pancreas fails to produce insulin, whose deficiency leads to many other disorders: heart disease, blindness, etc. Likewise the T-cell leukemia virus evidently attacks the thymus gland, which produces the T-cells; once the thymus is destroyed many other immune disorders occur. Were this disease simply called thymopathy (or even

T-cell leukemia) it would be less mysterious.

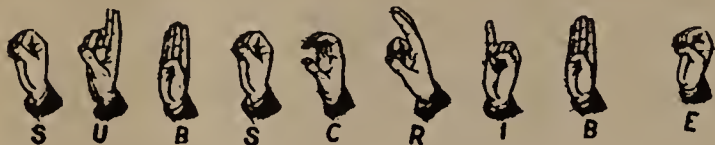
The French investigators have not only identified the agent of thymopathy or T-cell leukemia, but they have also presented evidence to dispel any exclusive linkage with homosexuality. In France and Belgium, the disease has been as closely associated with Equatorial Africa. Dr. Charles Olweny, Director of the Uganda Cancer Institute and currently working with the World Health Organization in Zambia presents the "Epidemiology and Clinical Features of Kaposi's Sarcoma in Tropical Africa," Friedman-Kien, AIDS. In Equatorial Africa, Kaposi's Sarcoma is not only indolent, as it has been in previously reported cases of elderly men from Southern and Eastern Europe, but also aggressive. "Aggressive forms of KS include the florid, infiltrative, lymphadenopathic, and visceral types." (p. 37). This disease is evidently endemic in Equatorial Africa and from there it seems to have travelled to other European countries, the United States and Haiti. Whether the virus involved in this disease has any relationship to the African swine fever virus is evidently a subject none of the medics will even discuss.

Certainly many gay men suspect the United States government of complicity in spreading helper T-cell leukemia inside the gay male community. The Department of Defense (nee War Department) in 1969 claimed before a House Committee, "Within the next 5 or 10 years, it would probably be possible to make a new infective micro-organism which could differ in certain important respects from any known disease-causing organisms. Most important of these is that it might be refractory to the immunological and therapeutic processes upon which we depend to maintain our relative freedom from infectious disease." The onset of the T-cell leukemia disease with the gay male community coincides with the development of genetic engineer-

ing. Currently, one of the major expenditures with the DOD chemical-biological weapons research is devoting to developing (and likewise to destroying) immunity protection against poisonous substances such as those used in virus warfare. The documented cases of the CIA introducing dengue and swine-fever virus into Cuba certainly make many gay men distrust the U.S. government.

One final point needs to be made about the politics of T-cell leukemia. When the Centers for Disease Control began labelling groups as high-risk, many protested and were able to get something of an apology from the CDC. Thus the Haitians and hemophiliacs refused to allow themselves to be linked with this disease; intravenous drug users lack any spokespersons and have gotten little press on this issue. IV drug users, however, notoriously distrust anything the government, doctors or politicians might say about their condition; they are used to all the stories of how self-destructive their behavior is and how dangerous they are to society.

Among all the so-called "at risk" groups, only homosexuals have failed to reject this disease as their own. I know of only one person who has said that this disease is a drug-related, not a gay-related disease. His reasoning is that the CDC counts the homosexuals first and then the leftovers get put into the other categories; but in order to properly understand the epidemiology of this disease, a Haitian homosexual hemophiliac IV drug user should be counted four times for purposes of calculating percentages. The Committee to Monitor the Effects of Poppers has published a pamphlet, *Poppers & AIDS with Annotated Bibliography* (November, 1983), which would relate the disease to one particular drug. While some interesting links between gay leaders, drug companies and the government are established, the spirit of the study is rather mean. When confronted with two men who have helper T-cell



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leukemia and who say they have never used poppers, the Committee calls the men liars. Likewise some authors have called Haitians who say they are not homosexuals liars. This is adding insult to injury; first the disease, then the disregard of individual testimony.

Unfortunately, most of the gay leadership has embraced this disease as our own. Instead of saying, "No, this disease has nothing to do with our lives or our sexuality," spokespersons have rushed forward to claim the disease. No cause has been so popular among homosexuals since Anita Bryant. Like the crisis with Anita Bryant, this crisis requires a response; and I am most grateful for every AIDS action committee we have; however, I don't believe any effort can be above criticism. Here I want to detail what I take to be two dangerous tendencies within the gay community in relation to the helper T-cell leukemia crisis.

First the medic-cleric faction within the gay community has used this disease in order to attack what they consider a disorderly cluster of homosexuals. They are not even well informed about the gay left, which has generally been quite puritanical, but they believe that "the new element [which has led to the new disease] is an unprecedented level of sexual promiscuity that has developed among a subground of homosexual men in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and some other large urban centers since the late 1960's" (Sonnabend). In fact, there have been continuous assaults on promiscuous gay life since the 1950s — Stonewall is only one incident in 1969 — and in New York City, for instance, Riverside Park, the Trucks, Rest Stops, the Docks and other free areas have been progressively eliminated.

Gay Liberation as it grew out of Stonewall has been an effort to save a freedom which has been under attack. Some gay leaders, however, hope to gain points by attacking those under attack. Thus a former director of Colorado's Gay & Lesbian Center has been quoted as saying, "If tonight

we hear on the news that some researcher has come up with a cure for AIDS, will we see a return to promiscuity? My opinion is yes. The reason they're shedding promiscuity is not because it isn't healthy to treat people like pieces of meat. They're doing it because of a reaction to fear." Others use more fashionable psycho-babble: "compulsion," "immaturity," "dissociated ego," etc.; but the effect is the same: to use this disease as a weapon against those bent on liberation.

No less insidious has been the trap most of us have fallen into of accepting the equation of "gay" with "disease." Although those 4000 who have been diagnosed with the disease have generally fought against the label "victim" and have abjured being the object of anyone's pity, their suffering and misfortune have been picked up in a clerical manner common to the long history of Christianity, if not Judaism. People talk of the good the disease has done in bringing us all closer together in organizing thousands and filling Madison Square Dollars.

The straight world may not have been willing to accept us as happy and gay in our sexuality, but that drive within each of us to appeal to the straight world for sympathy because we have suffered so much represents a great betrayal of all that we must be. We exist because of our love and our sexuality, not because of our sufferings and persecutions. To betray our joy and go for our sorrows represents a tremendous treason to ourselves and our companions.

Unfortunately, some have seen in this loathsome disease a means of redemption, a method of reconciliation with doctors, ministers and politicians. Those who think he will be hated less if we are disabled have sadly misjudged the compassion of our enemies. Dr. James Curran of the CDC has great plans for this misfortune: "This epidemic will be with us for the rest of our lives." Such a statement may express his desires and hopes, sordid as they may be, but I hope this

disease dies before I do. In any case, gay liberation is a cause which will outlast the CDC.

Just a final word: I regret having read all these books. Their attitudes, their styles and conclusions are depressing. While the disease cannot be dismissed, I suspect the ill effects of sympathetic or contact symptoms obtained from reading any or all of these books will far override not reading them. In this case, literacy is a disadvantage. For medical workers and researchers these books will be less useful than the latest periodical literature. And for the rest of us, articles in the gay press (GCN, for instance) will be sufficient and more up-to-date than any book. (Alan V. Miller has compiled an excellent bibliography, including the medical, mainstream and gay presses: *Gays and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)*, Toronto, 1983).

The Past

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the 1920s to the 1950s. 3) *Gays and lesbians involved in the Boston theatre world.* 4) *Gay pornography from the turn of the century to present (articles, photographs, etc.).* 5) *Stories of lesbianism in Catholic girls' schools.* 6) *Where did people find Ann Bannon novels and other gay/lesbian fiction in Boston during the 1950s and 1960s?* 7) *Finally, we would very much like to interview lesbians who were femmes in the period from the 1940s to the 1960s — and men who were considered to be sissies during their youth.*

So, if you have any information to share with us about these or other topics, if you have an interest of your own which you would like to research, or if you are interested in joining the History Project you can contact us at: The History Project, c/o Janet Kahn, 110 College Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144.

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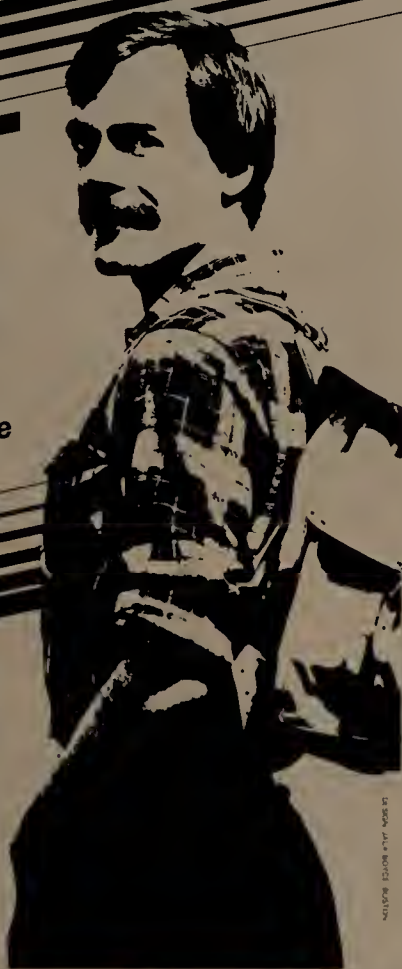
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